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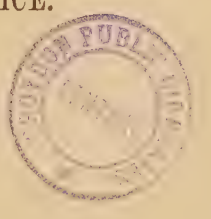

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PREFACE.

The period included in the present volume of Calendar, only eleven months, was important politically, as it saw the dissolution of the Parliament which first met 17th September 1656.

On pp. 11–19 will be found a number of legislative Acts passed and approved at the winding up of the parliamentary session in June 1657. These represent the work of many previous months, and embrace a wide range of home legislation.

The Protector's home policy was that of expediency. Whilst he refused the crown offered to him by his "fine "and tractable parliament," because the name of King was so distasteful to the army, he accepted, on their petition, a form of government as absolutely regal and hereditary, only using the name of Protector instead of King, and declared his son Richard as his successor (pp. 3, 9, 11). The ceremonial took place on 26th June 1657, when Cromwell "with a golden sceptre in one hand, and a "rich Bible in the other," came in state to Westminster Hall, where the Speaker arrayed him in a purple robe lined with ermine, girded him with a sword, and then administered to him an oath to preserve the Protestant religion in its purity, to endeavour, as chief magistrate, the preservation of peace and the just rights of the people, and in all things to govern according to law (pp. 19, 20).

Though this movement did not materially alter Cromwell's position, except as to the point of succession, and a more formal recognition than before of government under one sole head, it still created jealousy in the army. Several officers' meetings were held to deliberate as to the course of action to be taken. Cromwell, knowing Lambert's strong anti-monarchical principles, suspected him of being at the head and front of the offending, and

sent to him for his commission. He surrendered it very calmly, without remonstrance, protesting that he desired nothing more than to lead a retired life at his own house, and at once quitted his lodgings in Whitehall, and discontinued his attendance at the meetings of Council (pp. 40, 41, 47, 48).

In order to quell the spirit of discontent which manifested itself from time to time among the officers, Cromwell gave a week's time and energy to making such changes as he thought needful. He told them that they should either stick to him or lay down their commissions. Nine of them at once tendered their resignations, though reminding him that if he had made them, they had made him. The commissions of all who refused implicit obedience to the Protector's orders were taken away, and from his own regiment he dismissed Major Parker and 5 captains, and placed 6 other men of approved bravery in their stead (pp. 288, 289, 306).

This proceeding gave rise to remonstrances, which were construed into an offence against Cromwell's authority, and Sir Charles Howard, captain of his own guard, Vice-Admiral Lawson, and Cols. White and Okey were committed to the Tower on suspicion of treason (pp. 314, 346).

It was rumoured, moreover, that Gen. Monk, whose position at the head of the army in Scotland rendered his allegiance of vital importance, refused to obey Cromwell's orders (p. 314). It is true that this rumour was contradicted at head quarters, Sec. Thurloe declaring that "there is not a man in all the 3 nations more loyal and "dutiful to his Highness," but still Monk did not comply with the mandate summoning him to London (pp. 314, 327, 328). The French said that Monk's reply to the summons was that Cromwell might come to him if he had anything to say to him (p. 341). One report was that his officers and soldiers "will not let him go till "they are paid, which will not be in haste;" another that he was jealous lest Cromwell should depose him from his command (pp. 328, 333, 358).

Sec. Thurloe gave in an information that a pamphlet called "A letter of address to the Protector" had been printed, which was very derogatory to his Highness. All attempts to discover the author failing, Hen. Eversden, the printer, though denying any knowledge of the authorship, was ordered to be taken into custody (p. 83).

The Parliament which resumed its sittings on 20th Jan. 1657–8 was not in a compliant mood. Cromwell's influence in the Commons was lessened because his staunchest adherents were removed to form an Upper House, or House of Lords, which was considered an essential adjunct to the monarchical form of government lately adopted, and the Protector had been requested to select and summon such a House (p. 12).

It comprised 60 persons, including the Protector's two sons and his two sons-in-law; 11 peers, though only 7 of the old peerage, 6 baronets, 10 knights, 5 law officers, 5 military officers, and 4 civil officers (pp. 211, 220), but the plebeian character of some of the members excited scorn and ridicule; one was Col. Huson, who had been a shoemaker, and it was suggested that he should wear his "præludiary weapons, Sir Hugh's bones and an awl," as the "worthy ensigns of this his new nobility" (p. 232).

Fresh oaths were to be administered to the Privy Councillors on this change of government, but here again Lambert's sturdy independence asserted itself; he refused to take the new form of oath, and though nominated to sit in the Upper House, he ignored the summons, and made his appearance with Sir Arth. Haselrigge in the House of Commons, neither of them apologizing to the Protector for their refusal, but simply ignoring altogether the existence of the Upper House, whilst several of the former peerage who had been summoned—the Earls of Manchester and Warwick, and Lord Wharton—hesitated to identify themselves with this mongrel House (p. 258).

Great preparations were made for its meeting, woolpacks, chairs and carpets, hangings of baize, striped stuff, &c., ordered, all which Kinnersley was to provide as cheaply as he could (pp. 262, 266).

When they began their sittings in January 1657–8, they assumed not the proposed title of "Upper House," but of "House of Lords," and therefore the Lower House was at first disposed not to own them, till over persuaded by a "very pious and eloquent speech from the Protector" (pp. 273, 274, 276).

Col. Fiennes, who was chosen speaker of the House of Lords,—the office of Lord Chancellor not existing,—followed up the Protector's speech by a longer one, magnifying the happiness which the nation enjoyed under him, and the necessity for a House of Lords, but his remarks rather provoked than conciliated the Commons (pp. 273, 274, 276).

Some murmured that "there was no need of a House of "Lords without a King, and if they *must* have a King they "would have the right one" (p. 324). Petitions against the government were also preparing in almost every county, to be presented to Parliament (p. 314). All the guards were doubled, and 800 horse constantly quartered in St. Paul's, the army being in and about London (p. 327).

It is instructive to note how the struggles between arbitrary power and representative power, which had given rise to the civil war, were beginning to repeat themselves. Cromwell demanded 300,000*l.* of Parliament (p. 306), no very exorbitant sum when the debts of the navy alone were nearly 100,000*l.*, and its needs 300,000*l.* (pp. 168, 267), but Parliament refused to grant it unless the control of the militia might be restored to them, and Cromwell, utterly refusing to allow the military power out of his own hands, in a fit of temper, dissolved Parliament.

But the question of supplies was very pressing. Money was wanted, urgently wanted, how was it to be obtained? Two attempts were made which proved equally abortive. He tried to persuade the East India Company to lend 500,000*l.*, and at first they seemed disposed to comply, but ultimately excused themselves on the ground of inability (p. 315). He next applied to the City of London, but they were displeased at the dissolution of

Parliament, and refused compliance (pp. 306, 297). Upon this Cromwell sent for the Lord Mayor and Common Council, and harangued them for 2 hours; he spoke of the mis-doings of the late Parliament, which he dissolved because it was led aside by some turbulent spirits; of the danger threatening the kingdom through a projected invasion from Flanders, and the attempts of the Royalists under the Duke of Ormond and James, Duke of York, both of whom were said to be incognito somewhere in the country, and he urged them to put the city militia into a posture of defence with all speed, as he intended to do the same all the nation over; he also exhorted them to a firm union against the common enemy of them all, Charles Stuart (pp. 328, 346, 377).

The difficulty of obtaining supplies reached even to the Protector's household, in spite of orders giving it the precedence over other claims. John Maidstone, his steward, complains, in August 1657, that the 12,000*l.* a quarter granted for the household does not meet the expenses, and that only 6,000*l.* has been paid for the last quarter (p. 51). Payment of the balance was at once ordered from the money designed for the forces in Ireland, or from the first that comes into the Exchequer; and again the Treasury Commissioners had a special charge from Council to see that the 6,000*l.* balance due of the former allowance be paid out of the first moneys that come in from the Prize Office, any warrant for payment of other moneys therefrom notwithstanding (pp. 51, 83). The allowance for the household was more than doubled, being raised to 100,000*l.* yearly—equal to more than 400,000*l.* of our present money—but this sum was to include the repairs of the Protector's houses, which had hitherto been kept in order at the State's expense. The money was to be paid at the rate of 1923*l.* 1*s.* 6¼*d.* weekly, from the most assured source of income, viz., the Customs; and some alterations having been made in the draft of the patent, it was approved in Council, and offered to his Highness as their advice (pp. 113, 128, 130, 132, 140).

Complaints of the poverty of the Exchequer are constantly occurring. The wagons that carried some Spanish plate prize from Portsmouth to London could not obtain payment for their services (p. 86). The Prize Office had no money to pay 2,720*l.* due for the clothes of the soldiery sent to France under Gen. Reynolds, and the contractor not only had to pay interest on the money borrowed for their purchase, but was threatened with arrest by the indigent tradesmen who remained unpaid (pp. 117–18). Needless and ruinous expense was incurred by keeping on the crews of ships called in, for want of ready money to pay off their arrears (pp. 197, 205).

The case of the ships was one of such imminence that, towards the 40,000*l.* wanted to pay them off, 6 London aldermen were found willing to lend 17,000*l.* at 6 per cent., to be repaid from money coming in on the Act for preventing multiplicity of buildings in London, or failing that, from the Customs, and the Navy Treasurer was authorized to receive the money, and manage the repayment (pp. 102–3).

The pensions of sick and wounded seamen were allowed to run into arrears, and the Governors of the Chest at Chatham write urgently for money "lest the guilt of many "of these poor creatures perishing (who have nothing else "to live upon) should too much reflect on us." In their embarrassment, they had begged for a grant of the ruinous cathedral at Rochester to help their fund, but for this the consent of Parliament was necessary; and though Parliament did not scruple at the disposal of church property, yet its dissolution prevented the passing of the bills prepared (pp. 121–2). These pensioners were in number 800 or 900, and to none was the annual allowance more than 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, or 2*s.* 6*d.* a week, and 2000*l.* or 3000*l.* of the money due to them being unpaid, many perished through want. Commissioner Pett, the dispenser of the fund, was obliged to leave Chatham to get rid of the clamours of the unpaid poor, and heartily wished he had nothing to do with the business (p. 362).

An urgent request was also made by the Commissioners for maimed soldiers for recall of an order from the Admiralty Commissioners, for stay of their weekly allowance from the Excise and Customs, as it will produce much clamour, and the cries of the poor will be many (pp. 129, 130).

The hospitals of Ely House and the Savoy, for payment of pensions to maimed soldiers and their widows, shared in the general difficulty of obtaining money, and in order to a reduction of the expense, the managing Committee were ordered to send in a report of proceedings. They state that they were appointed in 1653, when their first business was to select such pensioners as were only partially disabled, and send them to serve in garrisons, bearing their expenses thither. In 1657 they were ordered to allow pensions to the disabled soldiers who returned from America and the West Indies, and to widows of those slain in the service. They state their revenues at 735*l.* weekly, and their moiety of fines and forfeitures at 1,500*l.* a year, but they are 10 weeks, or 7350*l.*, in arrears.

On this report the Committee was reconstituted, and ordered to examine into the case of each pensioner, and to discharge or abate the pensions wherever they see any ground, granting none but on urgent necessity. At the same time the Admiralty Commissioners were ordered to see that the payments were made regularly to the Ely House Committee, but no order was given for the arrears (pp. 363–4).

A system of retrenchment was set on foot to lessen the army expenses, and the commanders-in-chief in Scotland and Ireland were requested to conform thereto, or to present reasons to the contrary (p. 161). Gen. Monk sent proposals for the forces in Scotland which were accepted, whereby that branch of the army's expenses was reduced one-eighth, or 3302*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* a month (pp. 186, 281).

The relations between Cromwell and Holland were externally friendly, but of dubious sincerity, because the

rumours of Kingship offered to the Protector, and the higher assumptions made by him as sole magistrate, were distasteful to the Republicans. We hear on the one hand of the Dutch Admiral Opdam lowering his flag and saluting the English colours (p. 174), but being required to repeat the ceremony to ships of war of small size, he replied petulantly that "he was not to strike to every sail "he met," and it was only on threat of force that he caused his flag to be furled in a great rage (pp. 188–9). The refusal to strike of 3 Holland men-of-war provoked the English to fire at their flags, and the firing was returned, but night prevented further mischief, the English sailors being "all free to lose their lives rather "than suffer that abuse" (p. 197). On the other hand there were rumours of a scuffle with them off the coast of Portugal, in which the English, being fewer in numbers, were worsted (p. 174). "I have hope," writes Lord Colepepper, "of a good rise for the King's recovery "from a rupture with these States, on the insolencies "which the English (when they have set up that "new sun) will put upon them; for if there be a "break, it will not be in jest, as the last scuffling was" (p. 259).

Family anxieties were superadded to perplexities of State to disturb the unfortunate Protector. His eldest son, Lord Richard Cromwell, had a fall in hunting in the New Forest, "that fatal place to the sons of our princes," broke his thigh bone, and put his knee out of joint (pp. 84, 87).

His son-in-law, Rob. Rich, grandson and heir of the Earl of Warwick, who married his daughter Frances, fell into a rapid consumption and died, but left to his widow a jointure of 3000*l.* a year (pp. 168, 259, 306).

No wonder that Cromwell's health broke down under this accumulation of anxiety. We hear of his going 14 days to Hampton Court, "a little intending his health," at the time of his son's accident in August 1657, and in February 1657–8, of his being dangerously ill, swooning twice in

one day, and having attacks of vertigo or giddiness in the head (pp. 84, 305, 306).

A Royalist letter writer observes on March 18, 1657–8 "All advertisements agree that Cromwell is in a bad "posture, as well for want of money as the general "discontent, not only among the people but in the army, "which gives hope that the time for his ruin draws near" (p. 333).

In proportion to the general depression of the Cromwellian party arose the hopes of the exiled Royalists. Designs on behalf of Charles II. were discovered among the English troops sent to Mardike under Gen. Reynolds; they served very unwillingly, and became mutinous; some of the managers of the plot were apprehended and put to death, and the same severe sentence was passed on the soldiers whom they had influenced (pp. 3, 31, 58). Some of these latter escaped from prison, and with passes from James, Duke of York, as Lord Admiral, got to Amsterdam, and thence to England, where they pretended to be prisoners taken at sea by the enemy, but were at length detected as part of Reynolds' forces, and sent back to Mardike, to be dealt with according to their deserts (pp. 171, 172).

Two men, Wm. Astley and Chas. Giffard, were seized in England because they had received commissions from the King to raise forces on his behalf; they were first imprisoned in Shrewsbury Castle, and then sent under guard of a party of horse to London, where they were personally examined before Council, and on evidence of their design to levy war against his Highness, the case was referred to legal counsel, to bring the offenders to trial (pp. 51, 155).

Not only had the King given land commissions, but he also issued a commission to Capt. Rob. Homes to set out a fleet of ships at sea on a particular design, not specified, but for which 6 good frigates would suffice. He pledged himself moreover not to accept any duties from prizes to be taken by this fleet, which would only be liable to

payment of tenths to Lord Admiral the Duke of York (p. 273).

Rumours were rife of frequent meetings of Royalists in London and Westminster, of designs on foot, and of constant correspondence with Charles Stuart. Under these circumstances, a proclamation was issued commanding all Papists, and all who had borne arms against the State, or had assisted the enemy in the late wars, to depart at once from London and Westminster, or the suburbs within 20 miles, unless it be their place of habitation. The Lord Mayor and aldermen, and the justices of peace, were to keep strict watch and ward, to search for and apprehend offenders, commit them to prison, and report proceedings to Council. All officers, civil and military, were required to assist in the execution of these orders. Also, all Papists and Royalists not resident in London or Westminster were ordered to return to their own homes, and not to remove from them beyond the distance of 5 miles (p. 303). These restrictions were enforced rigorously, almost every house was ransacked, and 200 persons were seized as suspected. The vigilance exercised is also proved by the frequent requests for licenses made by those whose health or business required them to remain within the prohibited distances (pp. 315, 317, 319, 549, 551–553). A general seizure of the horses of Papists and delinquents was also made (p. 373).

A stringent regulation was enforced in reference to lodgers. Every householder was required to give in the names of all his lodgers, whether Papists or not, and to give notice of any fresh lodger within 24 hours of his arrival; all who failed in doing this were to be considered enemies of the peace, and the aldermen and justices were to inquire after such lists, and transmit them to Council (p. 303).

Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Rob. Harley's son, both active Presbyterians, were committed to the Tower, as also Sheriff Browne and divers others of that faction, it being rumoured that "his Majesty now ploughs with these heifers," and

that the King's intended invasion was a Presbyterian plot. Most of the governors of the port towns especially were suspected to be in correspondence with the King, a safe landing place and an open port being among the first essentials to a successful invasion (p. 357).

There can be little doubt that had the exiled King been able to prevail with any foreign power to take the initiative, and enable him to land at the head of an army, a strong responsive movement would have been made in England.

Sir Hen. Bennet, agent of Charles II. at the Court of Madrid, represented that if his master could obtain half of the grant promised him, which was 100,000*l.*, he could secure not only the foreign troops that had been raised by Lieut.-Gen. Middleton, but 5000 Germans, and ensure a large party to join him, both in England and Scotland; but he expressed his fears, which were well grounded, lest the slowness of the Spanish Court, and the incapacity of those in Flanders, should cause mischievous delays (p. 3). The "Spanish method" was not to be altered however, but the greatest confidence was expressed that if the Royalists once got a footing in England they would "begin with doing" (p. 163).

Over and over again the King pleaded to know the cause of the delay in the project of invasion, but got no satisfaction (p. 336).

One great obstacle to the transaction of all business was a difference that had sprung up between Don John of Austria, governor of the Low Countries, and his principal minister of State, the Marquis Caracena; but this was happily composed, and reports became rife of preparations for a speedy attempt on England. A placard was issued forbidding commerce between Flanders and England, and speaking kindly of Charles II. (p. 325).

A descent upon England was in serious contemplation for the spring of 1657–8 (pp. 305, 306, 310, 317), and the Marquis of Ormond seems to have been clandestinely sent over to make arrangements for it. As a blind to his absence from Court, it was pretended that he was going

to the Imperial Diet in Germany. Some said he had gone over to open negociations with General Monk (p. 357), but he did not give satisfaction in the transaction of his business (pp. 259, 265, 300, 313, 314, 317, 328, 346, 347, 357, 364).

Several of the King's friends and servants urged for permission to return at once, as they could do more good by raising their friends in the cause, than by their own personal service in the invading Army, and they were anxious to have "foot in stirrup with the first" (p. 324) hoping "that the discontents in England may give his "Majesty some advantage, so that he shall less need "foreign aid, and only owe the cure to those that gave "him the wound" (p. 325).

This hope was prophetic, but the time was not yet. No place had been appointed as a rendezvous, and the troops already raised in Flanders and in Spanish pay had been so ill treated that they were hardly to be relied upon, and were running away daily (p. 341). Arms had been procured, and more were promised from Holland, but the strength of the so-called rebels at sea presented a serious difficulty. Lord Colepepper writes on Feb. 26, "How "any forces can be transported hence after the end of "this month, when the seas will swarm with men-of-war "upon this coast, is a mystery to me" (p. 327). Some were sanguine enough to hope that if the King would only put to sea, unfurl once more the royal flag, and summon the rebel fleet to join him, the greatest part would come over to him. But this was an experiment too critical to attempt, seeing that failure would probably involve the capture of the King, and the ruin of his party.

The opinion of those best informed, viz., Charles himself and Lord Chancellor Hyde, was that the Spaniards were in earnest in the business, but that unless they had some definite encouragement, such as a rising in England, or a declaration of the Hollanders in favour of the King—a contingency which was deemed possible, if not probable, on account of some disturbance between the Protector

and the States General — they would seem to make preparations for an invasion of England, but would really utilize the military stores in their own defence.

On the other hand, friends in England had good inclinations, but they were too much under grasp of the Protector's vigilant power to risk any attempt till sure of definite and able support, and thus the weary circle would not come to an end (pp. 326–7, 346). The last rumour, quoted on April 9, as rife in the French Court, was that the King, with General Marsine, at the head of 4000 men, had gone to Scotland to join Monk (p. 365), but a few days later we hear that the Lord Chancellor's confidence in Monk is vain, and is now laid aside (p. 372). "I fear," writes one of the Royalist party, "the fair occasion which "the conjuncture affords may be lost, whilst there is "expectation which of the two, ourselves here or our "friends in England, should strike the first. We still "talk of being able to overcome all difficulties, and he "who is fearful is not thought well affected" (p. 332). Again, Lord Wentworth writes that several gentlemen just arrived from England agree that there never was an opportunity so fitting as the present for an attempt, and that several persons of quality are prepared to rise, but cannot do it till the King lands with a force capable of giving diversion to Cromwell's army, and that unless the King can make some attempt, as he has promised, it will discourage his friends in England, and "it will be the "ruin of divers of them, and may be the loss of their "lives" (p. 335).

The project had been to land at Plymouth, where little opposition was expected, and where one of the ports had been promised, hoping to be favoured by insurrections at Bristol and Gloucester; but Charles was reluctantly compelled to consent to a postponement till September, on condition that the military stores prepared at Nieuport and Ostend should remain untouched, and that then no pretence whatever should hinder the vigorous prosecution of the affair (p. 352).

The personal treatment of the royal exiles at the Court of Flanders was ceremonious, but lacking cordiality. "Don John," writes one of the party, "treats us in all "things as though he purposed to drive us out of the "country" (p. 312).

The burgomasters of Dixmeude preferred a complaint against Col. Blagge, gentleman of the bedchamber to Charles II., and commander of the King's regiment of guards, that his soldiers had pulled down several houses, that he had not punished some who had robbed a church, and that he had forced the burgomasters into an agreement with him. On this he was treated as severely as though Don John intended to subject him to the tribunals of justice, even though he made a satisfactory defence. (pp. 304, 312, 325).

He was wishful to return to his regiment at Dixmeude, but unwilling to go until he could procure for them not only the clothes that they needed, part of which at last were furnished, but such orders as he desired, and these were very difficult to obtain (pp. 341, 342, 347).

The pensions promised so long to the exiled King and his Court came in very slowly, and their fortunes were at the lowest ebb (p. 26). "King Charles here," writes a Bruges intelligencer, "is still in the old condition of want, "with little hope of amendment" (p. 116).

On 26th April 1657, Don John of Austria had requested to have a list of the King's officers of state and household presented to him, and it was drawn up by Sec. Nicholas and presented on December 4th. It consisted of 58 persons, not including 8 in attendance on the Duke of Gloucester. At the head of the list was the Marquis of Ormond, as Viceroy of Ireland, the Earls of Bristol, Norwich, and Rochester, as councillors, 3 peers, Lords Wentworth, Colepepper, and Gerard, the Bishop of Derry, 8 knights, 3 chaplains, a physician and surgeon, &c., &c. (p. 201). But the hoped for result of payment for the household did not follow.

Two months later Sir James Hamilton, one of the King's household, threatened, in a drunken fit, to kill the Lord Chancellor, supposing that it was through his influence that he remained unpaid; but he would first put on a clean shirt that he might be hanged in a clean one, for he should not run away, as he had not a penny (p. 292). Paymaster Stephen Fox writes, "Unless we can have a "speedy supply, we must break with all mankind; and if "we can get money, it must go to paying bills charged "from Bruges, to enable us to remove thence" (p. 298); and a few days later, "Nothing can be done for the poor "reformed gentlemen till the King is at Brussels. We "could not have got from hence if Mr. Shaw had not "lent us 1500 florins, which is all the money I have had "since we left Bruges" (p. 304).

Again he writes, that "the King has been very in-"dustrious in his business, but has got no money, only "fair promises;" adding, "If our time come not shortly as "promised, it will make the King very uneasy, as he is "called upon from all hands for debts now fallen due," but his pressing remonstrances brought only promises, "which they break with customary ease" (pp. 326, 327).

Among pitiful appeals to the King for money, is that of a fencing master, name not given, who came to Bruges to teach the royal household, equerries, &c., the mysteries of his art, but after many months' service, was left unpaid, and must end his days in prison, and his family perish of hunger, without timely payment (p. 277).

"We have fair promises," writes Paymaster Fox, "when "we get to Brussels, meanwhile it will go hard with our "*menage*, which we have again begun since the Princess's "departure" (p. 304).

The Princess alluded to is Mary, Princess of Orange, sister of Charles II. In January 1657–8 she met the King and Duke of Gloucester near Breda, on Spanish ground, and thence they went on to Antwerp; whilst they remained together, she entertained her brothers at her own table (pp. 259, 265).

This visit was made the opportunity of a display of Court festivity. The Earl of Newcastle gave a ball at which the King was present, ushered in by a band of music. A speech in verse was given, penned by the Earl, though spoken by Major Mohun, the player, in a black satin robe and garland of bays, complimenting the King in the highest style of hyperbole; then French dances, then a banquet served in 8 great chargers, and brought in by 16 gentlemen of honour in the King's service. Then Lady Marchioness Moore, dressed in feathers, came in and sang a song of the Earl's, set to music by Nich. Lanier. Then followed an epilogue, also spoken by Mohun, prophesying his Majesty's speedy re-establishment (pp. 297, 311).

There was also a dispensing of the courtly honours which were the only favours within the power of the exiled sovereign. General Marsine, a warm partisan of the King, was made Knight of the Garter, all due ceremonies being observed, and Sir Edw. Walker, Garter King, who records the event, adds, with a chuckle of pleasure "He "has paid all his fees to the King's servants, and re-"membered me to my satisfaction" (p. 296).

Several of the Court were knighted, among whom were the Duke, "now Sir Henry, of Gloucester," and Sir Art. Slingsby. Also several new peerages were bestowed, the recipients being William Lord Crofts, George Lord Berkeley, and Marmaduke Lord Langdale. Other names were rumoured, viz., Sec. Nicholas, Sir Edw. Hyde, Lieut.-Gen. Middleton, M. Schomberg, and Mr. Windham, but it was thought, especially by the Queen mother, that such a number would make the honour too general, and they were omitted (pp. 265, 314, 325).

Suitors for and grants of places, present or perspective, were numerous. Sir George Lane requested and obtained a grant of the offices of clerk of the Crown of the King's Bench in Ireland, and also clerk of Parliament, to be drawn up with a non-obstante that it is to be effectual in spite of defects, owing to his Majesty's present absence from

his kingdoms, and it was sealed with the Great Seal of England, there being none for Ireland (pp. 22, 25, 35, 47).

Charles granted to Sir Wm. Throgmorton the office of Knight Marshal to the household, in recognition of faithful services to the late King and himself (p. 140).

George Barker requests restoration to the place of Avenor, from which he has been ejected by Nic. Armorer, equerry, who was in temporary charge of the King's stables (p. 165).

The King's coachman, Mat. Clark, begs a grant, contingent on the restoration, of the keeping of Creslow pastures, co. Bucks, near to which he was born, provided no previous grants were made by the late King (p. 273).

Wm. Barton, pleading that he "embarked in the same "bottom with the King 5 years ago, and could perform all "he offered, had he money and clothes, begs either occupation, or leave to exercise his invention elsewhere, and thus liberate his Majesty from the charge of himself and his children (p. 266).

The King was unable on his removal to Brussels to have his goods conveyed thither, because they remained as pledge for payment of debts incurred at Bruges, and the care of them caused both expense and inconvenience (pp. 310, 317, 327). In sooth the "Merry Monarch" needed all the buoyancy of his light-hearted temperament to bear up against the constant pressure of the *res angusta domi*. "Our master was very cheerful all yesterday," writes a courtier, "though he had complaints that the bread was "denied to his regiments, nor can he get from the Spaniards "a penny of his pension, which is 6 months in arrear, "besides the 3 months advanced, which they said should "not be deducted, and all the expense he has been at for "the regiments. At least Mr. Fox pretends this, yet some "men abound, whilst others want (p. 314).

At last an order was obtained for payment of a month's pension, with assurances of more when the money came to Antwerp, but as this was found to overcharge the Treasury, it was changed to one for 5000 florins, and even

this could not be obtained because of some informality in the order. Moreover the Dukes of York and Gloucester were expected at Brussels from Breda, where they had been on a visit to their sister, the Princess of Orange, but liberal as she usually was to her brothers, she had not paid Gloucester what he expected towards his subsistence, so that he became an added burden on the King (pp. 336, 340, 349).

This was increased by the arrival of the officers of the Duke of Ormond and Earl of Bristol's regiments, with a petition for relief, without which they must disband, having had no ammunition bread for a month (pp. 340–1).

One reason, or rather pretext, of the backwardness of the Spanish governor was the idea that Charles received supplies from other sources, from his sister, or from friends in England. This idea gained strength from the conduct of some of the King's injudicious followers. They obtained commissions from him to raise money by the forcible seizure of some of the Parliament's friends, and their detention till a heavy ransom was paid. The carrying out of this project reads like a page from an old romance.

On 17th July 1657, one Capt. Lendall, with a party of armed men, came to a retired mansion at Quekes, Isle of Thanet, inhabited by Sir Nich. Crisp, his wife, Lady Thomasine, and his father, Henry Crisp, an old man of 80 years of age; they broke open the doors, secured and bound the servants, took away plate, money, and portable goods, value 400*l.*, and hurried father and son to the sea side, to carry them on board their vessel to Flanders. At length, on the earnest intreaty of the old man, he alone was taken away as security for 1000*l.* promised to be paid by Sir Nicholas in Flanders within a month, but when they had secured him, they demanded 2000*l.* more for his ransom (p. 80).

On the arrival of Crisp in Flanders, the Governor, Don John of Austria, recognised the transaction, and stated that Crisp would be considered the prisoner of the King of England, and would be dealt with at his pleasure, either

by exchange with Spanish prisoners taken by the English rebels, or otherwise (p. 97).

Sir Nich. Crisp indicated 4 prisoners in Chelsea, two merchants, a gunner, and a soldier—there being no two of sufficient quality—who would be willing to go to Flanders, on security to return if they did not procure Crisp's freedom by exchange, and requested their liberation on giving the required security. Failing this, he begs that his father may negociate abroad for his exchange with other Spanish prisoners. He states that he cannot pay the ransom moneys without mortgaging or selling his lands, to his irreparable prejudice. Order was thereupon given for the liberation of the 4 prisoners, for 2 months, on security in 3000*l.* to return if they do not procure the exchange (pp. 80, 81). This order proved useless, as the prisoners were unable to procure the required security. The father then applied to the Spanish authorities in Flanders, but they refused to interfere, saying they had nothing to do with Crisp, as he was not their prisoner, but in custody of one of the officers of the late King's son (p. 105).

Sir Nicholas Crisp sent a special messenger, Capt. Thos. Sonds, to Bruges, with letters to his father, but he was so strictly guarded that the letters could not be delivered to him alone, but were read by his gaolers, who refused to deliver him some "surfeit water" sent by his son, lest it should contain poison, and "will suffer him to take none "of his surfeit water, for fear you will rejoice more in the "loss of his person than we shall lament in the want of "his ransom" (p. 105).

The mere proposal of an exchange of prisoners had exasperated the captors to madness; they took the old man's servant from him, made him close prisoner, allowing no one to come near him, and swore that unless the 1000*l.* were speedily paid, they would cut him to pieces; they ventured their lives for money, and will have money or life, and they care not for Cromwell nor for all the Dons in Spain. "I cannot write so bad as they do say," adds

Capt. Sonds. He urges a speedy ransom, on the ground of expediency, as the old man's charges were set at 50*s.* a day (p. 106).

Meanwhile a quarrel which arose between the captor, Lendall, and one Thos. Wadeson, well nigh thwarted the success of the scheme. He and Lieut. Rich Rose concerted to liberate Crisp, by helping him to escape from his window, on condition that their complicity should never be discovered, and that he should pay them 1500*l.* before he left Flanders or Zealand, and 1500 guilders before he left Helvoetsluys; but this proposal the honourable old man refused to entertain, and immediately informed against the author of it (pp. 97–8).

Capt. Lendall wrote direct to Sir Nich. Crisp, upbraiding him in the severest terms for his breach of promise, and want of filial obedience, whereby he has proved himself unworthy the title of knight or gentleman, and barbarously sacrificed an indulgent father—who, for his safety and that of his wife, had precipitated himself into misery—to a covetous desire to enjoy his possessions. "Your threats of "Cromwell and proposals of exchange," he adds, "will "not fright me to compliance, nor abate a penny of my "agreement, and without a speedy performance, he must "expect the same mercy from me as I should have "received from your Protector, had I miscarried in my "design. There will be no exchange of persons, but of "places; he will go from my house to the place of "execution" (p. 105). "Be not too confident, I may meet "you again when you imagine yourself most secure. My "pity for your father's age and infirmities will mitigate "part of that rigour he is soon to expect. You would "limit him to an allowance, but he has hitherto fed at his "pleasure. If you let him starve, the sin of ingratitude "will light on you. If you have any glimpse of respect "for him who gave you being, let it appear by performing "what he lies engaged for, and assisting for his speedy "enlargement." Bruges, 8 September 1657 (p. 105).

Sir Nich. Crisp thereupon petitioned the Protector for

leave to send over Lieut. Thos. Crisp, an officer in the United Provinces, to prevent the danger his father "is "subject to by a company of desperate lawless persons," lest his frights and hardships cause his sudden death. Sir Nicholas adds "Lieut. Crisp will treat for ransoming my "father with his own money, till you find some way to "reimburse me" (p. 105).

The stern government of the Protector was not however likely to sacrifice public good to individual compassion, and to encourage brigandage by payment of ransom; their reply was that "his Highness and Council do not think fit "to permit the ransoming of Crisp, they intending no "encouragement to attempts of like nature, by permitting "money to be transported or employed to any such use," but they would authorize Sir John Reynolds to send a trumpeter to Don John of Austria, and threaten ill usage to the Spanish prisoners in England, unless Mr. Crisp's treatment were amended (p. 106).

Within a few weeks of this failure of effort, Sir Nich. Crisp died, but his widow, Lady Thomasine, took up the cause with equal earnestness. On October 27th, a Committee of Council was appointed to consider her request that John Crisp may go over to Flanders, to treat for the release or better usage of Hen. Crisp (p. 139). This request was made, however, without her privity. She had clearness of mind to discern that no attempt would avail without ransom, and she therefore earnestly entreats leave to send it, all other attempts having failed. She urges that if it be objected that the ransom will strengthen the enemy, it will not be considerable, being divided into so many small shares. To the argument that giving ransoms encourages further attempts, she replies that Crisp is no prisoner of war, but seized by a company of desperate villains in hope of money; that Parliament ransoms men from the hands of the Turks, and that the nearness of the enemy should not make any difference. Also that his charges in prison will soon amount to a ransom, for they exact 20*s*. a day to allow his servants to attend on him, and

that the meanest Englishman should have liberty to release himself from captivity by his own estate. Lady Crisp had also a personal ground for her urgency; she was left with only an infant daughter, and she feared that the nearest male heir might obtain from the grandfather, whilst in bondage, some settlement of the estate to the prejudice of her child. She therefore urged leave to redeem him by ransom, being hopeless of an exchange after so long waiting, and promising to do it if possible by bills of exchange, and not to export the coin of the nation. Her earnest plea was at length successful, and she was authorized to send over a person to Flanders to free her father-in-law "by such means as she shall think fit" (pp. 177, 178, 256, 550).

How much of the ransom money fell into the hands of the unscrupulous captors, and how much went to the relief of the Royal Exile in whose name this deed of brigandage was perpetrated, is not recorded.

The poverty of the Royal Exchequer was felt not only in reference to the living, but to the dead. The King lost within a few months two of his most trusted friends, Sir Edward Herbert and the Earl of Rochester.

Herbert's death was unexpected, the physicians not considering him in danger till within 2 hours of his end. He made signs for pen and ink, and wrote to request Dr. Frazer to give him some cordial whereby he might regain his speech for an hour or two, but in vain, for he expired before Dean Cosin, or any other of his friends could reach him. He died in Paris, and was laid in the Huguenots' burial ground, Faubourg St. Germains, Lord Jermyn and other honourable persons, with 5 coaches, attending the funeral (pp. 232, 253), but as there was neither money for his support nor burial, his friend Rich. Mason supplied what was requisite, and begged leave to take charge of a cabinet of papers which he left for his lady, lest it should fall into the hands of his creditors (p. 288).

A few weeks later Col. Herbert Price writes to Sec. Nicholas that he is ill in bed, "having been these 3 nights

" with much grief attending my Lord of Rochester's, I hope, " happy departure out of this unhappy world." He had the body embalmed, and he sent to the King for orders about its interment (p. 297). It was taken to Helvoetsluys, wrapped in a good cloth, and well soldered in lead "so " that there is no danger that it will offend the vault," and laid " with what decency we could, and as little noise, " by Lord Hopton's " (p. 300).

James, Duke of York, fared better at the hands of Spain than his royal brother, because he was not precluded by his rank from service in the Flanders campaign. He had a company of 50 horse raised for his guard, in good equipage, and an allowance for his table (pp. 5, 6). He took an active part in the war, and if current rumours are to be believed, his royal birth told in the service, for when an abbey near La Fère was summoned, in which there were 150 Englishmen among the garrison, they not only surrendered, but knelt and asked his pardon, and engaged in Charles II.'s service (p. 47). It was expected that his troop would be stationed at Dunkirk, where he might again have exercised the spell of a royal name upon the English soldiers (p. 116), but winter put an end to the campaign, and moreover he had suffered from an ague. In December he was with the King at Ghent (p. 254), thence he went to Breda, and joined the festivities given in honour of the Princess Royal's visit at Antwerp, in February, though still out of sorts, suffering severely from tooth ache (p. 305).

With the advance of spring, he began to prepare for another campaign in Flanders, and had a payment of 9000 florins (pp. 325–328). He spent his time at Brussels, except when visiting his sister at Breda (pp. 333, 336, 349).

Some jealousy had existed between him and Charles II. on the ground that the Duke had communicated State matters, which should have been kept secret, to the Queen Mother and Lord Jermyn. On his promise not to do this in future, a reconciliation took place, and the King conferred

on the Duke the nominal title of Captain-General of all his dominions (pp. 5, 6).

The taking of Mardike by the French, assisted by the English troops, and its transfer into the hands of Cromwell's officers, was a blow to the Royalist party in Flanders (pp. 114, 116).

General Montague and Sir John Reynolds were at the head of the invading force; seamen were borrowed from the English fleet at anchor near, to aid in the final attack (p. 113), and great activity was shewn in making the necessary provisions of coal, palisadoes, deals, wood, candles, &c., as well as in sending over masons and carpenters to erect quarters for the troops (pp. 107, 110, 138, 152, 164, 165). The Protector took a personal interest in the preparations which infused vigour into them, but these efforts notwithstanding, great mortality prevailed among the English troops employed. Their duties were heavy, as they were in daily expectation of attacks, not only on the forts, but on the English ships in harbour (pp. 167, 169, 184), and they were much inconvenienced from the want of small boats, so that they could not land their provisions without wading (p. 183). General Reynolds, writing from Mardike Fort on 26th November 1657, speaks of perils to the ships in the winter, and urges the necessity of a ketch for the fort, to carry packets to and fro, "this place being no other than a great ship at "anchor, only there is less advantage of fresh fish here "than in a ship" (p. 187).

A like plea was urged by the squadron in attendance at Mardike, as without a ketch, they were unable to procure necessaries or even fresh water, and often had to boil their vegetables in salt water. In due time the ketches were dispatched (pp. 195, 224, 231).

Early in December the enemy made preparations for storming Mardike, but Capt. Sparling, who commanded the English squadron, writes "If they do, they will be "very honourably received, for there is a very considerable "strength in the fort, and many of them men of much

" gallantry. It is my opinion that 20,000 will but fool " themselves to make an attempt, judging it a matter of " extraordinary difficulty to gain that place, except they " be so much master of the field as to make their " approaches by degrees, so as to force the shipping out " of the Splinter, and hinder their constant supply of " victuals" (pp. 200, 201). Boisterous weather intervening wrecked the ships that were bringing victuals, &c., to the enemy, and for the present, put a stop to their operations (p. 203).

The same month the Mardike expedition sustained a very serious loss in the death by drowning of the General, Sir John Reynolds, and of Lieut.-Col. White. Reynolds wished to go over to England for further communication with the authorities at home, and proposed to sail in one of the English vessels, the Half Moon. Strutt, the captain, sent him out "a boat with 8 lusty hands," to convey him on board a billander, and thus to his ship; but on going out, the weather was against their getting on board the Half Moon. Capt. Sparling urged their staying for the Cheriton and going in her, and to this Reynolds inclined, but Col. White was altogether adverse. Unfortunately they met a slight Rochester pink returning home, and resolved to cross in her, taking with them the Half Moon's boat. That same night the pink was wrecked on Goodwin Sands, and the 40 persons on board, as well as the 8 men belonging to the Half Moon's boat, were all drowned. A trunk—identified as Col. White's, because it had letters from his wife,—a rapier hacheled with gold, entangled in the pink's rigging, and the stem of the Half Moon's boat, were all that remained to bear witness of the disaster. Reynolds was lamented alike by the State, the troops, and the crews of the squadron of ships in attendance (pp. 202, 213, 214, 219, 220).

Maj.-Gen. Thomas Morgan, governor of Mardike, assumed the temporary command, and it was doubtful whether Reynolds' place would be supplied by Viscount Falconbridge, Cromwell's son-in-law, or by Sir Wm.

Lockhart, then English ambassador in France (pp. 232, 255, 268).

Meantime men, provisions, and medicines for the sick, &c., continued to be dispatched to Mardike under the surveillance of a Committee of Council appointed for the purpose, and confidence was strengthened by the arrival of a French Marshal, and a kinsman of Cardinal Mazarin, who with others announced their intention of taking up their abode there for the winter. They were received with salutes and rejoicings all along the coast (pp. 211, 215, 229, 238, 267, 281, 352, 368).

Capt. Sparling had been ordered, for the sake of safety, to Dunkirk Road, a league distant from Mardike, for the winter, but against this arrangement he strongly remonstrates, as not only inconvenient to the men, but to himself, and declares that unless he were brass or iron, he could not bear the labour and fatigue of constant exposure at night, and in sea fogs and cold, in going about from one place to the other, which has already seriously impaired his health (p. 234). This complaint was, however, disregarded. His later letters contain frequent complaints of want of provisions, the inconveniences resulting from the transfer of victuals from ship to ship, and the lack of men, owing to the sickly condition of the squadron (pp. 254, 260, 261, 265, 271, 274, 275).

In addition to these grievances, the winter set in with unusual severity. At Mardike the ice was so thick, and the ground so hard as to enable heavy ordnance to be drawn over the bridge to and from the fort, because it rested on the ice, and it was said that so much ice had never before been seen in those parts. The squadron sailing in Dunkirk Roads was in serious peril, owing to an inflow of drift ice which forced the ships from their anchors, drove them away with it, and grounded the Assistance, Capt. Sparling's ship, on a sand to the west of the Splinter; when, to avoid her being cleft asunder with the massive weight of the ice blocks, the crew were forced to lighten her by throwing overboard such things as could most

speedily be come at, by which means they got free from the sand-bank. The Bramble and Cheriton, two other vessels also forced from their anchorage, got clear on account of their smaller draught of water. "There was "never any ship," writes Capt. Sparling, "escaped a more "imminent danger, in the view of many hundreds of our "enemies, who rejoiced at that which they had little "cause to question would be our utter ruin, while many "of our friends, both at Mardike and within the Splinter, "stood and pitied us, but were not able to afford any "help." The ships within the Splinter were fast frozen up, and all communication with Mardike was stopped for many days (pp. 277, 279, 283). Numerous perils to ships from the severity of the winter are recorded (pp. 511–13, 517, 519, 522, &c.).

The continued hostility between Spain and England had led to the location in each country of prisoners belonging to the other, whose treatment was, in the eyes of the captives at least, characterized by great severity.

Those in England were kept chiefly in Chelsea College, Clifford's Tower York, and Plymouth, and lists of the prisoners in each were, by order of the Admiralty Commissioners of 26th December 1647, frequently transmitted to them, recording deaths, escapes, exchanges, and additions (p. 542).

The captives at Chelsea complain bitterly against the master, Wm. Moore, for the immoderate prices he put upon the food and drink supplied to them, and for his refusal to supply them at all, unless they would buy sheeps' inwards at his own price (p. 10).

The number of prisoners in Plymouth was about 130, and they were paid the usual allowance of 4*d.* a day (p. 114), but there was difficulty in keeping them safely, the guard being but weak. One dark and stormy night Capt. Jordan and 6 or 7 others attempted to escape, but were prevented. Jordan was put into irons, and more irons were ordered to be made, to hamper the unruly (p. 140).

The number of prisoners rose later to 160, and as only 15 men from each of the two companies could be spared to guard them, an order was issued for adding 20 privates to each company (p. 293).

A case of gross cruelty was reported from Plymouth. Three young Portuguese students from the Canary Islands intending to come to England on a visit, were seized, made prisoners of war at Plymouth, and tortured by burning of match between their fingers; a proceeding the more reprehensible because the English had always free and courteous entertainment in the Canaries. A London merchant appealed on their behalf for their liberty and leave to come to London, and engaged to find security for their good conduct (p. 247).

In York, the company of a Dunkirk man-of-war captured were ill used, and one Antoine Garcia placed in irons, because of their resistance, by which two Englishmen had been shot, one of whom afterwards died (p. 23), whereupon Garcia was sentenced to be hanged. He wrote imploringly to his wife to help him, or this would be his last letter; on her appeal to the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk, they wrote strong remonstrances, proving that the shot fired had been purely accidental (pp. 23, 41).

Garcia's life was spared, but he was still kept in irons, and Capt. Jaques du Jardin,—another prisoner brought in at the same time, and treated with the same rigour,—sends 4 months later an urgent plea to the Admiralty Commissioners for redress. He complains, moreover, that the prisoners are now only allowed 2*d.* a day for bread, instead of 4*d.*, and that thereby several of his company have fallen sick, and will not long survive with a 2*d.* loaf. A remonstrance was also sent from Ostend to the keepers of the castle, that this treatment is contrary to the laws of war and of the English Admiralty (pp. 117, 118).

This remonstrance was forwarded to Ensign Wm. Stainforth, who replied that seamen are prisoners in the Castle, whilst he is only in command of Clifford's Tower, and therefore they are not under his jurisdiction, but that

the allowance had been temporarily reduced to 2*d.* a day by the high sheriff, for want of money in hand, but will now be increased to 4*d.* (pp. 126, 127). An order was at once issued that the sums expended by the High Sheriff of York in maintaining Spanish prisoners should be allowed him on his account in the Exchequer (p. 129). Lieut. John Fugill reports that he has 53 Dunkirk prisoners in the castle, and is now paying them not only the 4*d.* a day, but their arrears (p. 135).

The English prisoners taken by the Dunkirkers were kept chiefly in Ostend or Dunkirk. A poor boy, son of a widow, writes to his mother that he was taken by a Dunkirk man-of-war on his way to Holland, and put in prison at Ostend, and has neither money nor clothes (p. 137).

Another young fellow, taken to Gravelines, writes that he has been very ill, having no food but bread and water, and begs that a Spaniard, whose release his mother has obtained in his place, may be sent over, or his friends will never see him again (p. 182).

George Bland, a merchant, who had been captured with his crew, and goods value 15,000*l.*, complains bitterly of his treatment in Spain, where, after being kept in chains 4 months in a castle, they are confined in a common gaol among rogues and murderers; and have not a maravedi, nor a bed to lie on save the hard soil. "Our hearts are "broken," he writes, "to see our usage, for although "I have no antipathy to the freedom and good usage "the Spaniards have in England, yet till, by a little "harsh usage, they be made to know themselves, this "nation will never learn to well use their prisoners" (pp. 352, 353).

The volume abounds with negotiations for the exchange of prisoners, sometimes on a large scale; proposals for the release of all the captives on one side, if the kindly deed were reciprocated (p. 63), but more frequently for the release of individuals implored for by wives or mothers, of which a few examples must suffice. Capt. Sidrack

Blake, prisoner in Fontarabia, pleads the difficulty he finds in obtaining his liberation in exchange, because the English and Irish fugitives in Spain have informed the King that he is a near relation to Gen. Blake, and an eminent commander, and no one prisoner in England is considered his equivalent. A Spaniard had been liberated in vain by Gen. Blake, on parole to free him in 3 months, but had to return to prison, as Capt. Blake's gaoler refused to give him up, so that, he adds, "I am like to be here "my lifetime." To add to his misfortune, an order to his guardian to allow him a piece of 8 a day for maintenance was disregarded, because there was none of the King's money in hand, and he received not a maravedi. He begs the detention of 3 Spanish captains lately taken, whose wives will, he thinks, procure his liberation if their husbands may be set free in exchange (pp. 1, 2). A few weeks later he writes his thanks to the Admiralty Commissioners for his freedom, in exchange for Don Diego de Villa Alva (p. 163).

Lieut. Col. Elton entreats an order for release of 3 Dunkirk prisoners now at York, in exchange for 3 Hull seamen, prisoners at Ostend, whose wives continually importune him. "They are so eager and importunate "with me," he adds, "with their abundant tears, that "they weary me out" (p. 53). Two aldermen of Hull, Rob. Ripley and Chris. Richardson, beg the release of the son of one and nephew of the other, the two boys being kept in very hard imprisonment at Dunkirk, on pretence that they are merchants, though there has been a general exchange of the seamen taken with them (p. 249).

Frequently releases of groups of prisoners were negotiated, on condition of the release of an equal number on the other side, and one party was first released on parole or obligation to obtain the liberation of the other (pp. 163, 166, 245, 248). Numerous other instances will be found in the Index, under the head of "Prisoners of War, exchange of."

A few items of domestic legislation deserve notice.

An important Act was passed for the settlement of postage, bringing the nominal rates nearer to the reductions remembered in our own days, though the sums were really much larger, because of the great depreciation since in the value of money. A single letter within 80 miles of London was to cost 2*d.*, beyond that range 3*d.*, and parcels 1*s.*; letters to or from Scotland 4*d.*, and packets 1*s.* 6*d.*; Ireland, letters 6*d.*, packets 2*s.* Letters to France 6*d.* or 9*d.*, Germany 8*d.*, Spain 9*d.*, Denmark, Sweden, Italy and beyond, 1*s.*

The heavy fine of 1000*l.* a month was inflicted on all who, without authority, meddled with the office of carrying letters or supplying post-horses, half to go to the Protector, and half to the discoverer (pp. 6, 7).

The office of postmaster-general was granted, on a lease not to exceed 11 years or one life, to Sec. Thurloe, at a rent of 10,000*l.*, he bearing all the expenses, and giving security for quarterly payments (pp. 79, 81). It was this office which gave Thurloe such an immense advantage in intercepting letters, and collecting intelligence, abroad as well as at home.

The Government had long been hampered with applications for sums lent on Public Faith, according to an Ordinance of November 1642, or on the assessment for the $\frac{1}{5}$ and $\frac{1}{20}$ part, for which the lenders had Public Faith bills assigned to them. The only mode in which these had hitherto been dealt with for repayment was that called technically "doubling on Public Faith bills," by which, on payment of as much more as the sum already lent, confiscated lands to the full value of the double loan were assigned to the lender. But this scheme was futile for those whose means were exhausted, and who had no money to lend; therefore, by way of taking some step towards tardy justice, and at the same preventing the frauds arising from the numerous counterfeit Public Faith bills that had been issued, instructions were sent to commissioners in the several counties to examine all the bills, and to apprehend all who presented counterfeit bills, and bring them before

a justice of peace. The true bills were to be carefully registered, their nature, date, and amount specified, and enquiry made whether they have been doubled upon, or assigned to any other than the original lender, and alphabetical lists to be returned to a committee appointed in London. This committee was to act in unison with all those appointed for sale of lands or fee farm rents claimed by the State, and comparisons of the lists made, to ascertain what bills had already been doubled upon, and thus prevent further fraud (pp. 74–76, 107, 208).

The chief notices that occur in reference to religious observances show a liberal spirit, except where political jealousies intervene, and then the narrowest exclusiveness prevails. In one parish it was ordered, on petition of the inhabitants, that any godly person whom they procure may have liberty of preaching in the public meeting house, the people to be summoned by a bell, and the incumbent and others not to interfere (p. 189). A confession of Protestant faith was advised, but those who differ in doctrine were to be convinced if possible; if not, they were to be allowed the exercise of their religion, provided they did not disturb the public peace (p. 13). On the other hand, this leniency was not to extend to popery or prelacy, and a severe Act against Popish recusants was passed (p. 14).

Strenuous Ordinances were made and enforced against the observation of Easter, Christmas, or other holy days, and also against the use of the Book of Common Prayer (pp. 159, 226, 232).

At the same time an Act was passed for the observance of the Lord's Day or Sabbath, and was rigidly enforced (pp. 11, 55), and fines varying from 5*s.* to 5*l.* were inflicted on transgressors, sometimes with more zeal than discretion. George Lilburne was deprived of his commission as justice of peace for co. Durham, because he seized the horse of Hester Hobson, who was riding to a place of worship in Sunderland, obliged her to walk, and refused to restore the horse save on payment of 20*s.* (pp. 78, 79, 101).

The number of orders granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, for augmentations of livings, and also for the union or the severing of parishes, is very considerable, and all these orders were either suggested by or approved in Council. Therefore when their proceedings are taken into consideration, and when it is remembered that there were other committees for religious objects, viz., Committee for Approbation of Public Ministers, Committee for Plundered Ministers, Commissioners for ejecting ignorant and scandalous Ministers and Schoolmasters, &c., the Commonwealth government cannot be accused of indifference to religious legislation (see Index, *sub voce* Ministers).

In August 1659, a severe malignant or putrid fever became so prevalent in many parts of England, especially the southern counties, that Friday, 21st August, was appointed as a day of solemn fasting and prayer, to be observed in London and Westminster, and the neighbourhood (pp. 61, 80, 87). Still the mortality did not abate, and on September 10th, an order was issued by the Protector and Council that "being sensible of the Lord's hand, which "for some months past has lain upon this land in the "present visitation by sickness, which calls upon all men "to repent and turn from their evil ways, and solemnly "to humble themselves before the Lord, and seek his "face," they request all who fear the Lord in England, Wales, and Berwick, to observe 30th September as a day of fasting and humiliation, "not doubting that all who "have a due sense of this token of God's displeasure will "dutifully observe the same" (p. 94). This order was sent with letters to the sheriffs of the respective counties to have it dispersed, and 3 ministers, Messrs. Lockyer, Hooke, and Howe, were appointed to preach the sermons at Whitehall on that day (pp. 94, 103, 110).

The disease however lingered on, though with less virulence, through the winter, and grew worse with the warmer weather, and therefore May 4th 1658 was again appointed as a day of fasting and humiliation (p. 380).

In Scotland a difference had arisen among the ministers of religion, and the case had been referred by Council to a committee of ministers, who had reported upon it (pp. 28, 30, 79). The Protector, by advice of Council, sent an earnest letter to the two parties, to lay aside all differences, and by timely closure of the breaches, to see that the interest of godliness, and the work of the reformation be not hindered, so that all who fear the Lord may join heart and hand in reforming what is amiss, and promoting not only the form, but the power of godliness and purity. To accomplish this, he advises a friendly meeting as brethren to reconcile matters, with an equal number of each judgment "in relation to the differences" (pp. 88, 89, 90, 92).

He also addressed the Council in Scotland in behalf of a ministry for the Highlanders, "most of whom have scarce "heard whether there be a Holy Ghost or not," although for 100 years the Gospel has been plentifully preached in the Lowlands. He states that some ministers acquainted with Gaelic have lately visited those parts, and been well received, finding some who "hunger and thirst after the "means of salvation." He exhorts the Barons of Exchequer in Scotland to find out 600*l.* a year from concealed revenues unrighteously detained by private persons, and to pay them to nominees for this service (p. 367).

The present volume contains numerous instances of a fashion of obtaining pecuniary help in cases of difficulty, which was characteristic of the period. Instances of severe loss through fire by individuals or in towns were frequent, where the appliances for its extinction were rarely at hand; a locality was often plunged into severe distress, and neighbours unable to assist each other, being fellow sufferers. The custom therefore was to send a petition to Council, with proof of the circumstances, and statement of the amount of the loss incurred, and to request a brief or patent empowering the sufferers to make a collection in their own and several adjoining counties. The money was deposited in the hands of a local treasurer, and a committee

appointed to distribute it among the sufferers. During the 11 months included in this volume, applications were received from and patents granted to the following persons and places, viz.—

		£	s.	d.
And. Headley, North Hincksey, Berks.	loss	900	0	0
Inhabitants of Poole, co. Montgomery	,,	60	0	0
Inhabitants of Puddle Trenchard, co. Dorset - - - -	,,	1955	6	0
Inhabitants of Hedon, co. York -	,,	4000	0	0
Inhabitants of Enfield, Middlesex -	,,	1182	0	0

(pp. 174, 218, 285, 329).

The same custom prevailed when money was required for important local objects, which were beyond the means of the residents. The inhabitants of Oswestry, co. Salop, obtained a patent for a collection in no less than 16 counties in England, and also in North and South Wales, towards the rebuilding of their large and spacious church, which had been pulled down in the late war, because the place was used as a Parliament garrison, and the church stood outside the walls (pp. 32, 161, 173). A like grant was made to the parishioners of High Ercall, co. Salop, who were unable to raise the 800*l.* required for rebuilding their church, also pulled down during the wars; but only three counties, Salop, Stafford, and Worcester, were inserted in the patent (pp. 160, 173).

The minister and inhabitants of South Ockenden, Essex, obtained a patent to collect in London and Westminster, Essex and Suffolk, towards 2200*l.* needed for repair of their church, the steeple of which was fired by lightning in 1652, the bells and leads melted, and the church consumed, except the chancel (p. 319).

The justices of peace of Wapping, Middlesex, obtained a patent for collecting in 6 counties towards a loss of 9,123*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* incurred by 800 inhabitants of Wapping, the Hermitage, and East Smithfield, many of them poor seamen, through an explosion in the powder houses at Wapping, in which many of them had been lamed and maimed, and most had lost almost all they had (p. 350).

The inhabitants of Wells and Cuthbert's parish petitioned the Protector in reference to the repairs of the cathedral. They obtained an order for its use in July 1656, when it was in a ruinous condition, and money had been collected, and the repairs were proceeding, when, according to their account, Dr. Corn. Burgess took violent possession of the church, threatened the custodians, and took the keys, so that the work could not be proceeded with. They also requested that the cathedral might be conferred on the city for public worship, there being but one parish church, and a small churchyard, for 10,000 inhabitants. An order was thereon issued for its use as requested, and for the delivery of the keys (p. 336).

Dr. Burgess objected to this order that it was obtained by a few persons of little influence, who have neither resorted to the cathedral nor helped to repair, though he was driven from the pulpit to the reading desk last winter, because he could not get the windows glazed; that though the petitioners had full leave to do the repairs, and received money for them, they did nothing, and that their object was really to bring in an old Malignant, who is an extortioner, and has appropriated church goods. But though the doctor pledged himself to have the church door kept open from 6 to 6, and to open any other door required, and though he produced a certificate in his favour signed by 10 inhabitants, the order for his delivering up the keys of the cathedral was confirmed (pp. 379, 380).

Of Oxford University there are many notices. The ordinary gossip of the place is well detailed in letters to Williamson, who took his M.A. degree in July, and whose election as a Fellow of Queen's College took place in November 1659 (p. 216). He was not elected without opposition, and seems to have owed something to the influence of Provost Langbaine; but before Williamson was able to return from the Continent, and take up his position in college, Langbaine died on 10th February 1657–8, after only 10 days' illness, to the great regret of his

friends and the college generally, as he was considered a loss to literature. He was buried on the 13th, and on the 15th Thos. Barlow was chosen his successor (pp. 288, 303, 315, 317, 336). There was also a change in the vice-chancellorship; Dr. John Owen, who had filled the office during seven years, was turned out, so much to his own disgust that he showed his displeasure publicly; and as his Sunday afternoon lectures at St. Mary's University Church were discontinued, he set up opposition lectures at the same hour in the parish church (p. 216).

His successor, Dr. John Conant, had to cope with difficulties in the management of University affairs. There had long been corruption and infraction of rule in the elections to fellowships at All Souls' College. It had become customary for candidates to buy the resignation of some one of the fellows privately, and then, in order to prevent competition for the succession, an intended resignation was not announced till the day before the election, so that no competitor was likely to appear except the purchaser, who was accordingly elected, the fellows conniving at this breach of orders in hopes of benefiting by it themselves in future.

Under these circumstances the University Visitors were summoned in November 1657, to examine into the case; they declared their intention of annulling the late elections as contrary to rule, since only one resignation had been made in proper form, viz., that of Mr. Horton, who was troubled in conscience because, in 1656, he had given 150*l.* for his fellowship, and therefore sent in his resignation in the usual form. Their proceedings were approved by the Protector and Council (pp. 181, 188).

But there was another side to the question. The parents and friends of the dispossessed fellows sent a petition to the Protector, remonstrating against the conduct of the Visitors, and enforcing the claims of the ejected fellows. Cromwell referred the case, on 7th January 1657–8, to his son Richard, who had been lately elected Chancellor of the University, and to Fiennes, Commissioner of the Great

Seal. Richard Cromwell paid careful personal attention to the subject, as is proved by notes in his handwriting endorsed on several of the documents (pp. 236–7).

The referees at once summoned some of the heads of colleges to appear before them at Whitehall on 23rd January 1657–8, and meet the master and fellows of All Souls', and the representatives of the ejected fellows. The heads of houses remonstrated that "the "season of the year rendering the journey hazardous, "and the age and infirmity of some of them" made it difficult for them to obey the summons, and they obtained a respite till more seasonable weather, the referees meanwhile suspending their report (pp. 238, 277, 278).

The Visitors then sent in a statement of the orders already in existence about the elections, which amply provided for due notice to be given previous to an election, requiring the electors not to vote for any who have offered money for their fellowships; the candidates to swear that they have neither directly nor indirectly promised money for their election, and the fellows themselves to be deprived of their places, on proof that they were chosen by money. The Visitors state that the late election was so illegal as to be utterly null, no resignations having been made according to order (p. 260). The report of the referees turns upon the power of the Visitors; they state that the Archbishop of Canterbury, as local visitor, has the same power as the founder, and that Archbishop Whitgift made a similar order against corruption 60 years ago, and that the Visitors have acted with good intention in following in his track; but they leave it to the Protector to decide whether the Visitors in so doing have exceeded their powers (pp. 278, 279).

The University of Oxford presented a petition to the Protector, on behalf of its law students under the Professor of Civil Law, requesting the erection of separate courts of judicature for legal questions arising in reference to commerce and navigation, intercourse with foreign nations, marriage cases, tithes, dilapidations, proving of wills, &c.

They also applied to Lord Richard Cromwell, as Chancellor of Oxford, and he proposed to Speaker Lenthall to present a bill to that effect to the House of Lords or Upper House, lately constituted by Cromwell.

Lord Richard comes to the fore in the present volume. The accident of his breaking his thigh in hunting has already been referred to. Soon after his appointment as his father's successor, he was made Privy Councillor, and took the oath accordingly (pp. 208, 210, 239); but for awhile the sense that his new honours endangered his safety led him to show himself but seldom abroad, and to keep close to his apartments in Whitehall. This was more especially the case on the arrival of a false rumour that his brother Henry, lately appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, had there been stabbed to death with a knife (p. 261). But he took an intelligent interest in public affairs, both relating to the army and to Council, on several of the sub-committees of which he was placed, and he began to receive from courtiers and diplomatists the homage due to an hereditary Prince, and heir to the Crown (pp. 266, 267).

An incidental notice occurs in this volume of the illegitimate child of Charles II. by Lucy Walters, who became afterwards the unfortunate Duke of Monmouth. Thos. Ross, a Scot, one of the King's most confidential adherents, and afterwards his librarian, writes to Sec. Nicholas that the King has sent him to take his little son from his present guardianship, and bestow him for awhile in a place out of the knowledge of his mother, or anyone else but Nicholas' younger brother. Ross wonders at his own selection for such a task, but believes he is designed to be the child's tutor, and states the reason for the removal to be that where he is, he cannot be free from his mother's intrigues. He describes him as a pretty child, with much wit and a great desire to learn, but so neglected that he has neither been taught to read nor to count 20* (p. 342).

* See Roberts' Life of the Duke of Monmouth, vol. i. p. 7.

Among other characters of note is George Villiers, second Duke of Buckingham. He had escaped from England, being excepted from pardon as guilty of high treason, and had been some time at the Court of Charles II. in Flanders; but he was suddenly missed, went over to England, by consent of government, as it was said, and seems to have attempted a reconciliation with the Protector, and "railed heartily at his late friends" as a means to this end (pp. 4, 9). At first he appeared likely to succeed in his efforts, but he failed, for it was found out that he was intending a marriage with the daughter of Lord Fairfax. The Royalist proclivities of her mother are matter of history, from her passionate exclamation at the trial of Charles I. Therefore it was matter of grave displeasure that the daughter should ally herself with a nobleman who had one of the largest rent-rolls in the kingdom, although for the present his estates were under confiscation (pp. 4, 40). Part of them being in the hands of Lord Fairfax, the Duke hoped, by marrying the daughter, to rescue 5,000*l.* a year of his estate, and though the bans between the young lady and Lord Chesterfield had been twice asked in church, yet the ambition of seeing his daughter a duchess so moved the heart of this Parliament General that he broke off the match with Chesterfield, listened to Buckingham's overtures, and married him to his daughter.

This proved fatal to the Duke's attempts to propitiate the Protector; it was rumoured that he designed either a rising in the City, or an attempt on the Protector's person, and would venture hard to destroy him; and that when reminded of the failure of all who had previously attempted this, he replied that it was because they had undertaken it foolishly (pp. 4, 6). Cromwell, in wrath, immediately issued warrants to Serjeant Dendy to search for and apprehend the Duke, for returning to England without license, when excepted by the late Parliament from pardon for treason, and for remaining there divers months, and also to convey him safely to Jersey, where Col. Rob.

Guibon, the governor, was charged to keep him in safe custody, in the securest place in the island, till further orders (pp. 122, 124). Lord Fairfax, who had hoped that his own long services in the cause of Parliament would have weighed on behalf of his son-in-law, appealed to the Protector against this rigorous proceeding, but meantime Parliament had taken cognizance of the Duke's conduct.

The reply to the appeal was therefore an expression of respect for Lord Fairfax's own person, but for the subject of the petition, he was referred to the Acts and resolves of Parliament (pp. 168, 169). A few weeks later a second appeal was made, and a long string of reasons drawn up in favour of the Duke's restoration to liberty; this was referred by the Protector to Council, but the reply was that they find it inconsistent with their duty to advise his Highness to grant the Duke the desired liberty, and this order Mr. Rushworth was requested to deliver to Lord Fairfax (pp. 196–198).

The Duke meanwhile had successfully eluded the search made for him, in spite of the large sums offered for his discovery, and was said to have escaped to France or Holland (pp. 232, 306, 315), but at length Fairfax so far prevailed with Cromwell as to have the business referred to two arbitrators, Secretary Thurloe and Sir Thos. Witherington, who were to grant him his liberty on bail for his good behaviour, and there the present volume leaves the case (p. 357).

Sir Rich. Grenville, one of the Royalist family of the Grenvilles who became Earls of Bath, writes to the King on the occasion of a quarrel with Hen. Howard. He pleads that he and his predecessors have served the Crown of England faithfully for 600 years, and that he desires so to end his days. But he adds that on the King's order, he sold a house which he had bought in Friesland at great loss, waited on His Majesty in France, spending large sums in his service, because he who had left a fortune, and lost fortune, blood, and time for the royal cause could not "stand refractory" to his Majesty's

pleasure, but he now lies in custody, although on his late petition he expected to be admitted to the Royal presence, to have leave to plead his own cause, and give a full account of the business, and to have reparation for dishonour and damage (p. 266).

In August 1657, England lost one of her worthiest sons in the death of Admiral Rob. Blake. In July the Revenue Committee was ordered to consider how payment could be made of 565*l.* expended in purchase of a costly jewel, the Protector's portrait set with diamonds, given him by the State for his services, and 3815*l.* 16*s.* was ordered him by Parliament for his arrears (pp. 33, 34). He was recalled for the winter from the coast of Spain, and in obedience to the summons, he set sail, but was taken ill during the voyage. His great desire was to live to get ashore, and have a few days for the settling of his estate, but as soon as they entered Plymouth Sound, at 10 a.m. on the 7th August, he expired "As he lived, so he continued to the "death, faithful. The Lord grant that a supply of his "great loss may be made up, for the good of his poor "people" (pp. 56, 57). His body was embalmed and sent to London in the George. "I suppose," writes Capt. Hatsell, "he will have a very honourable interment, "befitting a person of his worth, who indeed, setting aside "some human frailties (from which the best of men are "not free), may be ranked with most that have gone "before him in our age" (p. 58, 59).

Orders were given at Greenwich House for reception of the body, and the same preparations were made in Westminster Abbey for his interment as had been made for that of General Deane (pp. 60, 68). The charge of the funeral, including black cloth and baize, boat hire, 24 trumpeters, &c., amounted to 550*l.* (p. 179).

One of the time-serving characters—the outcome of an unsettled state of government—was Col. John Bamfield. A Royalist with the Royalists, he was trusted by them, and thus enabled to give detailed and confidential accounts of their movements to the Protector's government. His

correspondence began in April 1657, and several of his letters were given in the calendar for that time (pp. 346, 347, 359, 362, 363, 375, 376, 378, 390). These, as well as those printed in the present volume, prove that he had not the full confidence of Sec. Thurloe, who took him for what he really seems to have been, a time-server, alive mainly to his own interest. Still, being trusted by the Royalists, he was useful for a time, and he obtained with difficulty from Sec. Thurloe some money to enable him to join the Duke of Gramont, and pass into Germany to the Imperial Diet at Frankfort, whence he promised to write every post, gleaning up such information as he could from the Prince Elector and Prince Rupert, M. de Gramont and Count Maurice of Nassau, with all of whom he had some acquaintance (p. 71).

Lord Jermyn, who was with the Queen Mother in Paris, was evidently unconscious of Bamfield's double dealing, for he wrote to Prince Rupert in his behalf, stating that his sufferings and persecutions entitle him to relief (p. 37). Three months later Rupert wrote to the King about Bamfield, but in ambiguous terms, stating that he has obeyed his Majesty's commands to his utmost, but could do no more, no impartial merchants being present, he adds "We could not have done so much had " not Bamfield consented to a submission in this imperial " town" (p. 173).

The literary entries in this volume are not of much importance; they will be found in the Index, under Books. For these and other *notabilia* of persons and places, the reader is referred to the volume itself.

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Table of Attendances of the Protector's Council.

Names.	June 1657.	July 1657.							August 1657.										
	13	13	14	16	21	23	28	Totals 6.	4	4	6	13	14	18	20	25	27	27	Totals 10.
Lord Protector Cromwell	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	3	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
President Hen. Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	6	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	10
Desborough, Maj.-Gen. John	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	6	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	4
Fiennes, Col. John	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Fleetwood, Chas., Lord Deputy	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	6	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	9
Jones, Col. Phil.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	4
Lisle, Viscount	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	4	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	4
Montague, Col. Edw.	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Mulgrave, Earl of	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	5	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	6
Pickering, Sir Gilbert	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	1	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Rouse, Colonel Ant.	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	5	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	7
Skippon, Maj.-Gen. Phil.	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	2	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	4
Strickland, Walter	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	6	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	10
Sydenham, Colonel Wm.	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	2	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	5
Thurloe, John, Secretary of State	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	6	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Wolsley, Sir Chas.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	2

Names.	September 1657.																	
	8	8	9	10	15	16	17	18	22	22	23	24	25	25	29	29	Totals 16.
Lord Protector Cromwell	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	6
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Desborough, Maj.-Gen. John	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	11
Fiennes, Col. John	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Fleetwood, Chas., Lord Deputy	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	10
Jones, Col. Phil.	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	13
Lisle, Viscount	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	12
Montague, Col. Edw.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Mulgrave, Earl of	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	5
Pickering, Sir Gilbert	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Rouse, Col. Ant.	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Skippon, Maj.-Gen. Phil.	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	8
Strickland, Walter	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Sydenham, Col. Wm.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	15
Thurloe, John, Secretary of State	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	11
Wolsley, Sir Chas.	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	11

Names.	October 1657.														
	1	3	6	7	8	9	13	14	15	20	22	24	27	29	Totals 14.
Lord Protector Cromwell	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	6
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	14
Desborough, Maj.-Gen. John	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Fiennes, Col. John	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	7
Fleetwood, Chas., Lord Deputy	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	9
Jones, Col. Phil.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	11
Lisle, Viscount	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	9
Montague, Col. Edw.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	2
Mulgrave, Earl of	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	10
Pickering, Sir Gilbert	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	4
Rouse, Col. Ant.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Skippon, Maj.-Gen. Phil.	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Strickland, Walter	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	14
Sydenham, Col. Wm.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	3
Thurloe, John, Secretary of State	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	10
Wolsley, Sir Chas.	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	7

Table of Attendances of the Protector's Council—*cont.*

Names.	November 1657.																	
	4	4	5	9	10	10	11	12	17	17	19	19	24	24	26	26	27	28	Totals 18.
Lord Protector Cromwell	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	15
Desborough, Maj.-Gen. John	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	12
Fiennes, Col. John	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	4
Fleetwood, Chas., Lord Deputy	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	12
Jones, Col. Phil.	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	17
Lisle, Viscount	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p**	*p**	*p**	13
Montague, Col. Edw.	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7
Mulgrave, Earl of	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	13
Pickering, Sir Gilbert	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	13
Rouse, Col. Ant.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Skippon, Maj.-Gen. Phil.	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	10
Strickland, Walter	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	14
Sydenham, Col. Wm.	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	10
Thurloe, John, Secretary of State	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Wolsley, Sir Chas.	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	12

Names.	December 1657.														
	1	3	8	10	10	11	17	18	22	24	24	29	31	31	Totals 14.
Lord Protector Cromwell	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	2
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	8
Cromwell, Lord Rich.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	1
Desborough, Maj.-Gen. John	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Fiennes, Col. John	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	6
Fleetwood, Chas., Lord Deputy	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	11
Jones, Col. Phil., Comptroller	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	12
Lisle, Viscount	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p**	*p**	*p**	*p**	*p**	*p**	*p**	*p**	13
Montague, Col. Edw.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Mulgrave, Earl of	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	13
Pickering, Sir Gil., Chamberlain	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Rouse, Col. Ant.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Skippon, Maj.-Gen. Phil.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	10
Strickland, Walter	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	14
Sydenham, Col. Wm.	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	12
Thurloe, John, Secretary of State	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	6
Wolsley, Sir Chas.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	12

Names.	January 1658.							February 1658.							
	5	7	8	14	19	19	Totals 6.	9	11	16	18	19	19	23	25	Totals 8.
Lord Protector Cromwell	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
President Lawrence	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	2	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Cromwell, Lord Rich.	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	5	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	5
Desborough, Maj.-Gen. John	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	6	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Fiennes, Col. John	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	1
Fleetwood, Chas.	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	4	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Jones, Col. Phil., Comptroller	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	4	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Lisle, Viscount	*p**	*p**	*p**	*p**	*p*	*p*	6	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	7
Montague, Col. Edw.	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	2	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	5
Mulgrave, Earl of	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	4	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Pickering, Sir Gil., Chamberlain	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	5
Rouse, Col. Ant.	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Skippon, Maj.-Gen. Phil.	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	4	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	5
Strickland, Walter	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	5	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Sydenham, Col. Wm.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Thurloe, John, Secretary of State	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	4
Wolsley, Sir Chas.	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	2	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	7

* In the chair.

Table of Attendances of the Protector's Council—*cont.*

Names.	March 1658.												
	2	6	9	11	16	18	23	23	25	26	29	30	Totals 12.
Lord Protector Cromwell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	10
Cromwell, Lord Rich.	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	8
Desborough, Maj.-Gen. John	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	7
Fiennes, Col. John	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	7
Fleetwood, Chas.	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	8
Jones, Col. Phil., Comptroller	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	10
Lisle, Viscount	–	–	–	*p*	*p**	*p**	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Montague, Col. Edw.	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	5
Mulgrave, Earl of	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	5
Pickering, Sir Gil., Chamberlain	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	10
Rouse, Col. Ant.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Skippon, Maj.-Gen. Phil.	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	4
Strickland, Walter	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	10
Sydenham, Col. Wm.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	1
Thurloe, John, Secretary of State	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	9
Wolsley, Sir Chas.	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	9

* In the chair.

Names.	April 1658.									
	1	6	8	13	15	20	22	27	29	Totals 9.
Lord Protector Cromwell	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	1
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	9
Cromwell, Lord Rich.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	9
Desborough, Maj.-Gen. John	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	4
Fiennes, Col. John	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Fleetwood, Chas.	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Jones, Col. Phil., Comptroller	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Lisle, Viscount	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	7
Montague, Col. Edw.	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	2
Mulgrave, Earl of	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Pickering, Sir Gil., Chamberlain	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	4
Rouse, Col. Ant.	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	3
Skippon, Maj.-Gen. Phil.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	7
Strickland, Walter	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	9
Sydenham, Col. Wm.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	8
Thurloe, John, Secretary of State	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	5
Wolsley, Sir Chas.	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	7

Total Attendances of the Protector's Council.

Months	1657.							1658.				
	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Totals.
No. of Sittings held	1	6	10	16	14	18	14	6	8	12	9	114
Lord Protector Cromwell	1	3	1	6	6	2	2	0	0	0	1	22
President Lawrence	1	6	10	16	14	15	8	2	8	10	9	99
Cromwell, Lord Rich.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	5	8	9	28
Desborough, Maj.-Gen. John	1	6	4	11	8	12	8	6	7	7	4	74
Fiennes, Col. John	1	3	0	8	7	4	6	0	1	7	2	39
Fleetwood, Chas.	0	6	9	10	9	12	11	4	7	8	8	84
Jones, Col. Phil.	0	0	4	13	11	17	12	4	8	10	8	87
Lisle, Viscount	0	4	4	12	9	13	13	6	7	8	7	83
Montague, Col. Edw.	1	0	0	0	2	7	0	2	5	5	2	24
Mulgrave, Earl of	1	5	6	5	10	13	13	4	1	5	7	70
Pickering, Sir Gilbert	1	1	8	3	4	13	1	0	5	10	4	50
Rouse, Col. Ant.	0	5	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	19
Skippon, Maj.-Gen. Phil.	0	2	4	8	2	10	10	4	5	4	7	56
Strickland, Walter	1	6	10	16	14	14	14	5	8	10	9	107
Sydenham, Col. Wm.	1	2	5	15	3	10	12	6	0	1	8	63
Thurloe, John, Secretary of State	1	6	7	11	10	16	6	0	4	9	5	75
Wolsley, Sir Chas.	0	0	2	11	7	12	12	2	7	9	7	69

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June 1. The Dunbar, Hope.

63. Capt. Ben. Blake to Ferdinando Body, West Tower Hill. I received the enclosed just now, and as the boat stays for this dispatch, have no time to answer. Pray copy them out, and let the copies be presented to the Admiralty Commissioners with all speed. Answer Mr. Hart and my father, and let them know the reason of my not writing. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

63. I. *Petition of Capt. Sidrach Blake, prisoner in Fontarabia, Spain, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Although no prisoner of war, I was seized in the first embargo which the Spaniards made, and have been ever since unjustly detained, notwithstanding the many exchanges allotted by your Honors for my release, even though the governor of the Havanna engaged his parole to free me on the liberty the Lord Protector was pleased to grant him; yet all has proved ineffectual, and after 20 months' imprisonment, I lie here still, under heavy pressures, and without hope of redemption, and likely to perish in prison if not relieved by the immediate power of this State. All other means are to no purpose, in that the Irish and fugitive English in Spain have informed that King that I am a near relation to General Blake, and an eminent commander, which occasions me to be most strictly looked after by the Spaniards.*

I beseech you to take my sad condition into serious consideration, and to apply such remedy as may conduce to a speedy enlargement, by keeping such Spaniards and other prisoners now in England until I am set at liberty, or as to your Honors shall seem most expedient. [1 *page.*]

63. II. *Thos. Hart to Capt. Benj. Blake, Limehouse. Four days past I received the enclosed from your father-in-law, which is to request you, instead of freeing the captains of Fontarabia, to keep them there prisoners, in order to procure a letter from the Commissioners, something angrily to me, that they will relieve no more captains on my request until I release the prisoners in Fontarabia, as they do not find honorable compliance in delivering*

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those for whom they have given great pledges, more than in reason. Haply if his letters come to my hand, it may work somewhat, as I find in some particular men whom your father-in-law hath desired me to make use of, some treachery; for I cannot believe but that his dispatch is out, and detained until they receive the captains of Fontarabia. I leave it to your discretion to work the best for your father's liberty; I have daily letters from him requesting my assistance in these particulars, in which I shall use my best endeavours to manifest the ardent desires I have to see his freedom, and desire your speedy answer to this and my former. St. John de Luz, 28 May 1657.

P.S. The captain of Erchando you may per advice free, but Augustine keep close; my opinion is, write favourably, but keep both. [1 *page.*]

63. III. *Capt. Sidrach Blake to Capt. Ben. Blake, Irvine House. I wrote you the 13th current, and sent two letters for captains of this place, who were taken by Capt. Robt. Vessey, of the Constant Warwick, and for 2 months have been expecting dispatches by every post, but none appeared. You sent me letters to Thos. Hart from D. Diego Velaluo, late governor of Havanna, but the Baron told me I could not be exchanged for him, as the King had ordered I should be exchanged for two sons of the Marquis Beddaso, who was slain in the late Dutch war. Since I received yours, I have a letter from Gen. Blake at Lisbon, with another inclosed for the Baron and one for Beach, by a Spanish captain, who was put on shore with two servants, on his parole to free me in 3 months, or return his prisoner back to Lisbon. He has used his diligence, but the Baron will not set me free, and I am like to lie here my lifetime, they being in Madrid, and were put on shore in Galicia by one of our frigates.*

My desire is you will use means to detain the 3 captains lately taken, two of this place and one of St. Sebastian's, and by that means I shall get my liberty; for they have friends of quality in this place, and are married, and their wives will use means to put me in France, if they write they cannot be freed till I am. Pray write your brother George, for it much imports me, and cause a letter to be sent from them to the same purpose. There was an order came to the Baron to allow me a piece of 8 a day for my maintenance, but he said he had none of the King's money, and would not allow me a maravedi; so you may see what I undergo by his cruelty. Fontarabia, 20 May, 1657. [1 *page.*]

63. IV. *Copy of the above letters without the P.S.* [1 *page.*]

June $\frac{1}{11}$. Dunkirk.

64. Admiralty Judges to the Governor of Plymouth. Capt. Jacob Zacharias and John Hendricks, prisoners at Plymouth, state

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that they may have their liberty provided we would release some prisoners in Dunkirk belonging to Plymouth, or parts thereabouts. We have none from those parts at present in Dunkirk, but we assure you that if the above are released, as soon as any prisoners from those parts are brought into any port of Flanders, we will send back the like number, and one or two more. [1 *page, French.*]

June $\frac{1}{11}$. **65.** Translation of the above. [1 *page.*]

June 2. **66.** Certificate by Wm. Dawgs and four other commissioners appointed for surveying Ashdown Forest and Lancaster Great Park, Sussex, by patent 24 April and instructions 12 December 1656, that the lands were in Queen Mary's time Sir Thos. Gage's, and therefore cannot be termed a forest, but a park or chace. They contain 12,596 acres. Details of courts held; claims thereon. There has been much waste of wood and total destruction of deer, it being almost dispaled. Those who have right of common should be punished for their offences therein by being deprived of it, and those who have no right should be summoned before his Highness and Council. [2½ *sheets.*] *Enclosing,*

66. I. *Schedule of the offenders and their trespasses, since* 1649. [1 *col.*]

June $\frac{2}{12}$. St. Germains en Laye. [Col. John Bamfield to Sec. Thurloe.] I gave your ambassador some information that I lately received about 903 [the Duke of Buckingham] and other particulars taken from an intercepted letter from Sec. Nicholas to Bennet at Madrid. He says that Middleton is like to have very good success in his mission, and he hopes that they shall rather move towards him than he have cause to return to them. That the design is hopeful, and this an excellent conjuncture, but he fears the delays of the Spanish court, and the incapacity of those in Flanders. He says that the English soldiers sent into France come very unwillingly, are very mutinous, and that most of them will soon be theirs; that if his master had half the sum named by Bennet, they could also have 5,000 Germans, which would do their business; but if they have to wait till the money comes from the Canaries, they will have more difficulty, and be liable to disappointments.

He begs Bennet to urge a speedy supply, and to represent the King's certainty of a large party to join with him in England and Scotland, and the great advantage to the Spaniard of such a diversion, which might, in the present temper of the nation, occasion such a turn as would enable his master to assist the King of Spain against both their enemies. Therefore he is to press for half the sum promised (the whole being, as I hear, 100,000*l.*), and any other assistance the King of Spain sees reasonable, when he finds the King fixed in some part of his dominions.

Written in another hand is intelligence from England; the Protector's having refused the crown; the appearance of a breach between him and the army, because he aimed at it; the opinion of many that the government would revert to a republic; that Parliament's declaring it to be for the public good that government should return to its ancient channel would advance the King's affairs.

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He speaks of intelligence from England from Gondemore, and of following his advice, particularly in the business of the Duke of York, but there is no light who this Gondemore is. Much could be found out if you could draw over to England one Baron, a merchant at Calais, who receives weekly packets from England for those at Bruges, and takes them over himself when they are of importance. He has seamen in each packet boat, that bring his letters from Dover and carry back answers, so that they are never put into the mail. You might get some one to pretend to be a Royalist, and ask to have letters safely sent to Dover (to be conveyed to London by the Dover post, which is never searched) by some Royalist men in the packet, and thus discover much; and by taking and examining Baron as to what the packet was that he carried 6 weeks since into Flanders, you may discover who Gondemore is, &c. It will not be hard to get him to Dover, as he frequently goes there to Lord Strangford's house, where Col. Algernon Sydney usually resides. Any merchant who deals with him could draw him over on pretence of business. He may not know who Gondemore is; it may be a name between Nicholas and Bennet; therefore it might be well not to ask him, lest it should prevent the intercepting of more letters, by letting those at Bruges know that this has been opened. It has been done with such circumspection that Bennet will never know it.

Some here think that Middleton has gone privately to Scotland. It is thought that the Duke of Buckingham is in England privately with your consent, and is to marry Lord Fairfax's daughter. This seems romantic, but if he be there with your allowance, my information will tend to my very great damage; but if he is practising designs without your privity, I should have been to blame if I had not advertised you. I speak not from spleen, but from duty, though opposed to prejudice on all sides. I have been here 5 weeks, except going 2 or 3 times to Paris for a day or two on your service, and shall stay 12 days longer, when, if I hear nothing from you, I shall remove hence, and dispose of myself as God directs me. I have seen the ambassador, who protests that he has neither received nor given informations against me. [2⅓ *pages, copy, French correspondence.*

June $\frac{4}{14}$. Westminster. ——— to Wm. Rowe, Westminster. Sir John Reynolds will not stay long in France, because he is contracted with Sir Fras. Russell's daughter, Lord Henry's lady's sister, and must come over to his nuptials. Dick, brother of Wm. Rowe, is captain of a foot company in the regiment that was hoped should have been Ambassador Lockhart's, but it is now conferred on Sir Brian Cockerham [Cockraine] by Sir John Reynolds. [½ *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

June $\frac{6}{16}$. Brussels. ——— to [Sec. Nicholas.] We are still here, and so wanting money that we cannot move hence. The King resolves to go to the field; the Spaniard and all oppose it, and lest he should go, they will not pay his pension. They are either angry with his ministers or disesteem our interests. We are still incognito. They take

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some notice of the Duke of York and his creatures, but for us, the Lord have mercy on us! The Duke of Gloucester is still here; the Marquis of Ormond gone for the army post, and spending all that can be got in journeys. Not a creature here receives a sou. Bristol and his daughter are at Ghent; we are here till we get money. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

June $\frac{6}{16}$. [Col. J. Bamfield to Sec. Thurloe.] Not knowing whether you have received my many letters, I have lately forborne to tell you things of absolute importance. I have intercepted letters going to *Bennet at Madrid* of great concern to you. I am unwilling to lose the opportunity of serving you by going with the ambassador [Gramont] into Germany, but I know your ambassador here suggests things to my prejudice. If I go to Sir John Reynolds' army as a private soldier, I have no hope of preferment while James Stuart commands in the Spanish army, and if disorders arise among the soldiers, notwithstanding the uttermost integrity and circumspection, I shall be suspected of causing them; else I am confident I could serve Reynolds.

Gramont starts the end of this month; if you favour me, I will serve you faithfully; if not I will send you intelligence when I know that my letters reach you. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages, the italics are cyphers, undecyphered, copy, French correspondence.*]

[June $\frac{7}{17}$.] [Col. John Bamfield to Sec. Thurloe.] The Duke of York commands his brother's forces of 6,000 men, in 6 regiments; *viz.*, his own commanded by Col. Muskerry; the Duke of Gloucester's by Lord Taaffe; Marquis of Ormond's, Earl of Bristol's, Lord Wilmot's, and Lieut.-Gen. Middleton's, who is absent, and his regiment commanded by Lord Neuburgh. The Duke of York has a company of 50 horse raised by the Spaniard for his guard, in very good equipage, and they allow him 200 a month during the campaign for his table. His brother, on their final reconciliation, has made him captain-general of all his pretended dominions. The Lieut.-generals are, for England, the Earl of Bristol; for Scotland, Lieut.-Gen. Middleton; and for Ireland, the Marquis of Ormond. It is thought that Gen. Marsine will retire to the Spanish army, and Bristol, Middleton, and Wilmot will command by turns, as the manner is in the French army.

Sir John Berkley, on a submissive letter to the King,—acknowledging his error, and promising in future to serve in the King's sense, though contrary to his own, and having recanted a narration he wrote about the transactions between the late King and the army, in which were some undeserved reflections—is restored to his attendance on the Duke of York, and has undertaken to find instruments to disperse among the English troops in the French service propositions from the King to bring them over to his service. He has also undertaken to draw up a declaration to the army in England, to show that the King's restoration is more the interest of the 3 nations and the army than the continuance of the present government, and he undertakes to get this printed and dispersed.

There is enough discovered of the letter intercepted from Sec. Nicholas to Bennet of $\frac{18}{28}$ May to show that the King and Duke of

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York were perfectly reconciled, partly by mediation of the Spanish Council at Brussels, but chiefly by letters from England from Gondemore and his friend (who that is I cannot imagine) written to both, and sent expressly by Baron, which intimate that all their friends of all parties passionately desire a good agreement between the two brothers, and that the Duke of York might command his brother's forces, his reputation being very high amongst his subjects.

The letter also intimates that the Duke has engaged himself to his brother not to communicate with his mother or Lord Jermyn about public business; also that the King has found a very good expedient to treat with the Presbyterian party, having promised to restore to the bedchamber Titus, who has met several times with Sir Edw. Hyde, and undertaken that correspondence; for its better management, he comes not publicly to the Court. It says much of the Protector's parliament and army, &c., but the sense of that is yet undiscovered.

I hear that the Duke of Buckingham is in England, and believe it is on some design, either for a rising in the City, or some attempt on the Protector's person. I believe he is there because he has been 5 months from hence, and none of his servants are seen. His design is known to Mr. Denham, who is here, and Sheldon, his servant, left last Sunday, with 2 or 3 French and Dutch men, designing to land at Rye.

Buckingham once swore to me that, as he could not oblige the Protector, he would venture hard to destroy him. I replied that it would be a great adventure, and all who had hitherto attempted it had miscarried. He replied it was because they had undertaken it foolishly. Sheldon should be sought for and examined; also Sir Fred. Cornwallis and his lady, the Countess of Newport, Major Arnot, and Col. Rogers, who lay heretofore about the plough stalls in Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Also enquiry should be made whether one Palden at Calais had not 3 or 4 English gentlemen who used to reside there, and pass to and fro into England, and whether they are lately gone thither. I do not think I am mistaken in this information about the Duke. [4 *pp. copy, French correspondence. Printed in Clarendon's Papers, Vol. III. p.* 344.]

[June 9.] Act for an assessment on England at the rate of 60,000*l.* a month for 3 months, from 25 March to 24 June 1657, proportioning it to the several towns and counties, and appointing commissioners for them, with regulations for its collection. [73 *pp. printed. Collection of Acts, Vol. II, No.* 112, *Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 9.] Act for settling the postage of England, Ireland, and Scotland. Experience having shown that the settling a Post Office is the best means to maintain trade, convey dispatches, and discover dangerous designs, it is enacted that there shall be but one Post Office, and one Postmaster-General and Controller to settle posts, who shall carry all letters except those sent by known carriers, or merchants' letters of advice sent by shipmasters, also except private letters sent by messengers. He is to have the horsing of all who ride by post

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The postage of a single letter within eighty miles of London to be 2*d.*, beyond that 3*d.*, and packets 1*s.*; letters to or from Scotland, 4*d.*, and packets 1*s.* 6*d.*; Ireland, letters 6*d.*, packets 2*s.* In Ireland, letters within 40 miles of Dublin, 2*d.*, beyond, 4*d.* Letters to Italy, and beyond, 1*s.*; the south of France and Spain, 9*d.*; north of France, 6*d.*; Germany, 8*d.*; Denmark and Sweden, 1*s.*

All letters brought in by shipmasters to be sent to the Post Office for delivery. No person is to meddle with the office of carrying letters and supplying post horses, on pain of a fine of 1,000*l.* a month, ½ to the Protector, and ½ to the discoverer.

The Postmaster-General is to follow the instructions of the Protector as to the settlement of posts and stages on the several roads in England, Scotland, and Ireland, the keeping of a sufficient number of horses, postal boats, &c.

His Highness may grant the said office, with the rates of postage named, for a term not to exceed 11 years, provided that no one, under pretence of this Act, take up horses without consent of the owners. [8*pp., printed. Collection of Acts, Vol. II., No.* 117, *Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 9.] Act for taking away purveyance and compositions for purveyance formerly exercised by Kings, in taking up carriages and horses for removal of their household, also hay and straw and other provisions for the household; all such requisitions are to cease, all claims for purveyance to be accounted felony, and all statutes for purveyance are repealed. [2 *pp., printed. Vol. II., No.* 127, *Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 9.] Act for limiting and settling the prices of wines, from 15 August 1657. Spanish wines not to exceed 1*s.* 6*d.* a quart, French 7*d.*, Rhenish 12*s.*, on penalty of 5*l.* for every offence, ⅓ to the Protector, and ⅔ to the prosecutors. [2 *pp., printed. Collection of Acts, Vol. II., No.* 128, *Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 9.] Act against vagrant and idle and dissolute persons. That all found wandering without cause, after 1 July 1657, shall be brought before the justices of peace or other officers, adjudged rogues, vagabonds, and sturdy beggars, and punished on the Act of 13 Elizabeth for their suppression. All fiddlers and minstrels playing in inns or taverns to be adjudged vagabonds. [3 *pp., printed. Collection of Acts, Vol. II., No.* 132, *Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 9.] Act giving licence for transporting fish in foreign bottoms, on payment of the following fees:—Per 100 of six score Newland fish, 3*d.*; hake, 6*d.*; conger dulce, 6*d.*; ton of pilchards, 5*s.*; barrel of herrings, 8*d.*; last of 12 barrels packed, or 18 unpacked, 8*s.*; winter herrings, 12 barrels packed, or 18 unpacked, 4*s.*, &c., &c; barrel of salmon, 1*s.* 6*d.* All persons may buy and transport fish from Newfoundland or New England custom free. [3 *pp. printed. No.* 133, *Vol. II., Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

June $\frac{11}{21}$. Whitehall. Sec. Thurloe to Sir John Reynolds, commander of the English forces in France. I wish you success in your design, and hope to hear that the coats and shoes are arrived. The Commander-in-chief

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in the Downs says they were landed at Boulogne some days since. Parliament is endeavouring to raise the money promised by their advice. [⅔ *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

June $\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{1}$. Whitehall. Sec. Thurloe to [Ambassador Lockhart]. We are much engaged in this business of raising money, being to adjourn on Saturday week—the formalities of these things prove very long, though the Parliament are exceedingly ready and willing to perform what they have promised. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

June $\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{1}$. Near Caen. Thos. Lamborne to Sec. Nicholas. I sent you a receipt for 150*l.*, which Mr. Lane wrote me he was ready to pay, but as he sent me the bill of exchange here, I return it, and doubt not but he will have it paid you in Flanders. If you had rather it were paid in Paris, let me know; also advise me of its receipt. *Noted as received* 30 *June.* [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

June 13. Whitehall. Ordinance by the Protector and Council, that whereas in the late Act for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month for 6 months, it is provided that if the payment of moneys into the Exchequer be found inconvenient, the Protector and Council may order their payment in the same way as former assessments, and as it is found that the present urgent necessity of payment will not admit of the delay of this mode, the Commissioners named in the Act are to take security of the Receivers-general of Counties, who are to make payment of their receipts to John Blackwell, jun., and Rich. Deane, Receivers-general, at Guildhall or elsewhere, to be by them paid into the Exchequer. With order that this Ordinance be printed and published. [3 *pp., printed, Vol.* 2., *No.* 119, *Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

June 13. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

His Highness present.

(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

2. The Treasury Commissioners to read the order drawn up for the Act on assessments, and see it, according to the vote of Council, perfected.

3*. Montague presents a draft of the said Ordinance.

6. The petition of Thos. Moore referred to Pickering and Strickland, to report.

7*. Order on a report of the Treasury Commissioners about the passing the several accounts of the late Commissioners of Customs, Sir C. Pack, Chas. Lloyd, and Walter Boothby, as ordered 24 Feb.; that the said Commissioners pass the accounts as they find to stand with justice and their duty, the said order of his Highness and Council notwithstanding. *Annexing,*

67. *Report of the Treasury Commissioners that the Auditor of Prests attended them with the joint and several accounts; that by the joint account, it appears that* 16,000*l. is due to the State which, by the Ordinance of Parliament appointing the Commissioners, is chargeable upon them all; therefore*

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the passing of the several accounts will much weaken the security, and the Treasury Commissioners request further directions. 11 *May*, 1657. [¾ *page.*]

8.* **68.** On a report from the Admiralty Commissioners that Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson has requested discharge from his bills of imprest for 3,105*l.* 16*s.*, he having passed his accounts at Jamaica, where they were admitted by Peter Pugh, Lieut.-Gen. Brayne's Auditor-General, and been discharged, but they cannot be cleared in the Navy Office without examination of the vouchers, which were left with the said auditor, he requesting admission of the certificate of Lieut.-Gen. Brayne, of 31 Jan., 1656–7, that 4*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* was the balance of his account, which he has paid, and thereby settled his accounts of receipts for contingencies, prizes, prize goods, and stores sold, and his payments on the State's account, that the case may be determined before his entrance on his present service :—Order, that the account so stated in Jamaica be allowed, and that the Admiralty Commissioners direct the Navy Commissioners to make out a bill to him for the 3,105*l.* 16*s.*, expressing their allowance of the account, that his bills of imprest may be discharged. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 830–833.]

June ⅓. Kensington. E. [Elizabeth, lady Conway] to M. Mayet, Fauxbourg St. Germain. I am a stranger here in Court, where my Lord Protector has induced the Spanish habit and port. I am sorry for my late absence at a time when all our government was upon Kings, and an exact relation might have diverted you ; but now that is ended, and Parliament—having settled the government which they proferred under the style of kingship to one as absolutely regal and hereditary, only altering the name to Protector—are prorogued till 23 October ; for this is too fine and tractable a Parliament to be dissolved. Next Saturday is the last sitting.

The Duke of Buckingham is here soliciting hard, and rails heartily at his late friends, hoping to make up his reconcilement. Meantime he courts my cousin Fairfax devoutly, expecting to get 5,000*l.* a year of his own estate out of her father's hands. I think this sole design to be a duchess made them forbid the banns with lord Chesterfield, after they had been twice asked in church.

You will have heard of the great victory of the Venetians over the Turks. My brother John Finch has sent me the whole relation. [1 *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

June ⅕. Paris. John Lamborne to Percy Church. Mr. Secretary directed you to pay me 200*l.* ; write me what you will do, that I may write to him, as I have provided him hats and stuffs to that value, and sent them to Flanders, expecting that 200*l.* Consider how hardly Mr. Secretary may be able to reimburse me, as the assignments you sent him are not likely to be paid. [¾ *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

June 15. Whitehall. **69.** Secretary Jo. Thurloe to the Admiralty Commissioners. The enclosed papers were forwarded to his Highness by the Dutch ambassadors ; if upon examining the fact, the complaint is well founded, give direction that such excesses be not used for the future. Endorsed, "Dutch ambassador's papers complaining of the

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interruption given to their herring fishery by Capts. Thomson, Riveley, and Ducie." [½ *page.*]

June 16. **70.** The Spanish and Belgian captives in Chelsea College to Parliament. The master of this college, Wm. Moore, who sells the meat and drink, sells provisions at a very high rate, as 9 ases for a pound of butter, the same for the inwards and head of a sheep, 6 ases for a pound of cooked beef, and the loaves for 2 ases are very bad. Now also he refuses the captives meat and drink, because they would not buy sheep's inwards at his price.

We pray you, for the love of God, to remedy this, and to reprehend Moore, and order him to sell food and drink to the captives at moderate prices, or we must die of hunger, which God forbid. [*Latin,* 1½ *pages.*]

June $\frac{18}{28}$. Whitehall. Sec. Thurloe to ———. I hear that the titular Duke of York is joined with some Irish and English foot to the Spanish army, so that the competition will be between Sir John Reynolds and the Duke of York. I trust the Lord will bear his witness against that family, who are now engaged with the Spaniards, the greatest enemies Christ has in this world.

Parliament being about to adjourn, we are only finishing things of absolute necessity; that of money is the greatest. We have made good progress, and hope to conclude by Saturday. We are very unanimous. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

June 18. Queen's College, Oxford. **71.** Gerard Langbaine, Provost, to Williamson. Procure a testimonial from the professors at Saumur,—it would be better to be under their seal,—of the time of your residence in that university and good carriage there, and send it over to me. Also a copy of your lectures for the M.A. degree, if you have finished them. Also the books you have picked up, of which you sent me a catalogue. I will defray the charges. It shall not be to your prejudice, but rather to your advantage, that I do not acquaint you with the reasons of my first proposal. [¾ *page.*]

June 22. Cockermouth. **72.** Thos. Smithe to Williamson. Thanks for letters. Send to me by Hum. Robinson rather than by Oxford. Thanks for your accounts of Cappel, Blondel, Daille, Bochard, &c. I am glad you have gained an interest in Tan. Faber. I was much taken with his diatribe concerning a passage in Josephus; also I met with one or two of his letters in Sarravius's epistles. I am glad he approves the notes on Longinus, but they were written when the author was only B.A.

P.S. Your brother George is to marry Mrs. Muschamp, Lady Curwen's cousin and gentlewoman. [1 *page.*]

June 23. July 3. **73.** Edward Norris to Williamson, Angers. I must trust to your affection. My fault has rather been of the hand than of the heart. I have got leave to go to Italy if I wish. Private affairs. [1 *page, French.*]

June 26. Westminster. Proclamation by his Highness and Parliament. Whereas Parliament, considering the duty of providing for the future peace

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and settlement of the government of these nations, has requested the Lord Protector to exercise the office of Chief Magistrate of these nations, whereunto he has consented,—all persons are charged to take notice of the premises, and submit to the government so established; and the Lord Mayor of London and other sheriffs, mayors, and public ministers are to cause it to be published in their respective cities, towns, and corporations. [1 *page, printed. Collection of Acts, Vol. II., No.* 103, *Record Office Library*, 498, *F.*]

[June 26.] Act for better observation of the Lord's Day, declaring as guilty of profanation of it all who from midnight on Saturday to midnight on Sunday travel as waggoners, drovers, carriers, butchers, or higglers.

All who employ any sort of boat or carriage, except to and from some place of worship, or in case of necessity, to be allowed by a justice of peace.

All who frequent inns, alehouses, tobacco shops, or who tipple in any other house or shop; and the keepers of such shops or houses who have their doors open.

Also those who grind corn, wash and dry clothes, burn turfs, collect rents and taxes, except collections for the poor; also all who exercise their sundry trades, frequent sports, or travel.

The penalty on conviction is 10*s.* and forfeiture of the goods exposed for sale.

Proviso excepting selling of milk, and dressing of meat in private families.

All boats found journeying on the Sabbath to be seized by the justices of peace on either side the river.

No civic officers to be elected or sworn in; no fairs or markets held; no legal processes served, except in cases of treason, felony, or breach of the Sabbath.

Churchwardens and poor overseers to have power to search dwellings for offenders.

The parents or masters of children and servants under 14, to fine 1*s.* for their offences.

All are to resort to some church or chapel, under penalty of 2*s.* 6*d.* No preachers to be molested in going to or from their duty, on pain of imprisonment till the next sessions, and on conviction, the offenders to pay a fine of 5*l.*, or to be sent to the house of correction with hard labour for 6 months.

All publishing papers for sports on that day to be fined 5*l.*

All fines and the produce of wares seized and sold for offences to go to the poor, after rewards to informers, and payment for prosecution.

Penalty of 5*l.* to mayors, justices, &c., who neglect to execute this Act.

No writs of certiorari to be allowed for transgression of this law, but on non-suit, the defendants are to have costs.

The churchwardens to have this Act kept in every parish, and read before morning sermon the first Sunday in March yearly.

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Proviso, that no taverns, drinking and victualling houses, or tobacco shops be entered by virtue of this law without special warrant. [17 *pages, printed. Collection of Acts, Vol. II., No.* 104, *Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 26.] Act for adjournment of Parliament from 26 June 1657 to 20 January next, unless his Highness, with advice of Council, find it necessary to summon them earlier, by declaration to the sheriffs. [2 *pp. printed, Collection of Acts, Vol. II., No.* 105, *Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

June 26. Petition of the knights, citizens, and burgesses assembled in Parliament to the Protector.

We thank God for delivering us from tyranny and bondage, and making you and your worthy officers and soldiers instruments of peace; but we consider your life in continual danger from the Malignants, because the succession of the government not being settled, your death would bring blood and confusion. We therefore beg—

1. That you would exercise your office as Protector, and during your life appoint a successor.
2. That you would call Parliament of 2 houses once in every 3 years, or oftener if needful.
3. That you will preserve the privileges of Parliament, and not allow any to be excluded but by consent of the House of which they are members.
4. That none be allowed to vote at elections who have aided the rebellion in Ireland, or are Papists, or have been in war against Parliament since 1642, unless they have proved their good affection since, but all who have engaged in plots since 16 December 1653 to be disabled for ever. None to vote or be elected in Ireland who have borne arms against the Parliament of England, unless since 1 March 1651–2 they have proved their good affection.

   This is not to extend to English or Scotch Protestants in Ireland who bore arms for Parliament before 1 March 1649–50, and have been faithful since.

   All elections unduly made to be void, and all uncapable persons who vote to forfeit a year's value of their real and $\frac{1}{3}$ of their personal estates, $\frac{1}{2}$ to go to his Highness, the other $\frac{1}{2}$ to the discoverer.

   The members to be persons of integrity and fearing God, but not ministers, not atheistical, not husbands of Popish wives, not immoral, and examiners to be appointed to see if they are within the qualification, and suspend those not fitting, giving the House the grounds of suspension, and sending a copy of the accusation to the sheriff of the county, or chief magistrate of the borough for which the member sits.
5. None to sit and vote in the other House but those nominated by his Highness and approved by this House, to be between 40 and 70 in number, quorum 21; not to vote by proxy, and none to take their places but by consent of this House; not to act in civil cases, except writs of error, cases referred to

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Parliament for difficulty, petitions against proceedings in equity, and cases relating to their own House; not in any criminal causes, but on an impeachment of the Commons, and by their consent. Also to leave all final determinations to this House, any usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

6. As to the calling and holding of Parliaments, the laws to be kept, and none suspended, abrogated, repealed, or made, but by Act of Parliament.

7. A yearly revenue of 1,300,000*l.* settled, 1,000,000*l.* for the Army and Navy, and 300,000*l.* for government, but no part to be raised by a land tax. The Commons to grant other temporary supplies as needed, but no moneys to be raised except by Act of Parliament, "which is a freedom the people of these nations ought by the laws to inherit."

8. None to be of the Privy Council but men of known piety, nor without warrant of Council and Parliament, but to be suspended by your Highness or Council in the intervals of Parliament on just cause; the number to be 21, quorum 7. After your death, the commander-in-chief of the armies, the field officers, and generals at sea, to be chosen by your successors with consent of Council, and the standing forces disposed of by the chief magistrate with consent of Parliament, or in the intervals of its sitting, by advice of Council, and you and your successors to govern by advice of Council.

9. The Chancellor and all the chief law officers in England and Ireland, and the commander of the forces and the judges in Ireland to be approved by Parliament.

10. All those who revile or disturb ministers to be punished, and the laws thereon strengthened if defective.

11. The true Protestant religion being that professed by these nations, a confession of faith should be agreed on, and none permitted to speak or write against it. Those who acknowledge the Trinity and the Scriptures, but differ in doctrine, are to be convinced if possible, but not to suffer penalties, and to be protected in the exercise of their religion, unless they disturb the peace. This not to extend to Popery, or prelacy, or the countenancing blasphemy or licentiousness. Ministers who differ to be capable of civil offices, but not to receive the maintenance appointed for the ministry. The ministers who have maintenance in holy orders are not to hold civil jurisdiction.

12. All Acts for abolishing archbishops and bishops, deans and chapters, for the sale of their lands and for payment of moneys charged thereon, confirmed.

13. All who have been in arms against Parliament since 1 January 1641–2 (unless they have since borne arms for it or shown their affection), all who have been in insurrections since 16 December 1653, and in Scotland, all who have borne arms against Parliament (unless they have lived peaceably since 1 March 1651–2) to be incapable of holding office.

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Proviso: not to extend to those who served for Parliament in Ireland before 1 March 1649–50.

14. The present Parliament to continue till your Highness thinks fit to dissolve it.

16. No Acts or Ordinances to be hereby repealed or made void.

17. All processes in law to hold good as before.

18. Your Highness and your successors to swear to govern these nations according to law. Nothing in this petition to be of force without your consent; but we hope it will be a means to allay discontent, promote reformations in law, and lay a foundation for future confidence. With note that "the Lord Protector doth consent." 25 May. Passed 26 June. [20 *pp. printed, No.* 106, *Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

June 26. Additional explanatory petition of Parliament to the Protector to that of 25 May, explaining more fully the 4th article as to the election of members of Parliament, giving the forms of the oaths to be taken by the Protector, and the Council both of England and Scotland. The members of the other House to be called together by summons from his Highness, and to exercise their powers without further approbation of this House. Agreed to by the Protector. [16 *pp., printed, No.* 107, *Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 26.] Act for discovering, correcting, and repressing Popish recusants. All justices of assize and of peace to charge the grand juries to enquire after and present all reputed Papists above 16 years old, who are to be required to take an oath of abjuration given; and on default, to be adjudged recusants, and $\frac{2}{3}$ of their estates, real and personal, sequestered, but the mansion house to be left them as part of their $\frac{1}{3}$.

The estates of all who afterwards come in and take the oath to be discharged; the heirs of recusants to inherit their property, on taking the oath, under guardians to be chosen by the Protector of England until they are of age, when they are again to take the oath and enter on their estates.

The widows and the children of recusants to be allowed the benefit of settlements, after the death of the recusant, on taking the oath, if 16 years old; otherwise the same are forfeit to the State. All who marry known recusants to be treated as recusants. All trustees for recusants' property which ought to be sequestered, who do not discover the same 3 months after notice given, to forfeit the value of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the estate concealed.

Justices of peace who do not issue warrants to churchwardens and constables to present recusants to be fined 20*l.*, and a churchwarden or constable refusing to act thereon, 10*l.*

Estates to be discharged on descending to a Protestant; also on the conformity of a recusant, proved by taking the oath and going to church for 6 months.

None but the household servants of ambassadors to be allowed to attend mass, on pain of 100*l.* fine and 6 months' imprisonment. [21 *pp., printed, No* 108, *Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

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[June 26.] Act for suppressing theft on the borders of England and Scotland, and for discovery of highwaymen and other felons. As the inhabitants of the waste border countries have long lived by theft and idleness, and it has been difficult to bring them to justice, the justices of the 3 northern English and 6 southern Scottish counties are to hold private sessions within their shires at 14 days' notice, and to summon all who have no visible livelihood, bind them in bonds with sureties to good behaviour, or in default, commit them to gaol and send them to the plantations; the same with those who do not appear on summons, the recognizances to be filed, &c.

Any Scot guilty of treason and escaping into England to be sent back, and the like for English escaping to Scotland.

All discoverers of robberies or burglaries after 24 July 1657 are to have 10*l.* reward; also all discoverers of moss-troopers on the borders, or of Tories in Ireland, to be paid by the sheriffs of counties. [9 *pp., printed, Collection of Acts, Vol. II., No.* 111, *Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 26.] Act for the better improvement and advancing of the receipts of the excise and new impost, stating the excise to be paid on all goods imported, and on ale, beer, metals, and numerous goods of English growth or manufacture, and giving rules for its collection. [61 *pp., printed. With book of value of merchandize imported, according to which excise is to be paid by the first buyer. Collection of Acts, Vol. II., Nos.* 113, 114, *Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 26.] Act for improvement of the revenues of customs and excise, in order to raise 1,300,000*l.* for the army and navy without a land tax, appointing Cols. Sydenham and Phil. Jones, Lords Commissioners, Fiennes and Lisle, Sec. Thurloe, and 32 others, a committee to treat for the farming of the excise or any part of it, with consent of his Highness, for a term not exceeding 7 years. None of the said Commissioners to share in the farm, and none of the farmers to be Commissioners, or to trade in exciseable goods. [4 *pp., printed, Collection of Acts, Vol. II., Nos.* 115, 125, *Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 26.] Act for punishing those who live at high rates, and have no estate or calling answerable thereto, and make it their livelihood to cheat the young gentry and others. All justices of peace and head officers of towns and boroughs are to send for such, require sureties for their appearance at the sessions, and in default thereof, send them to gaol.

At the sessions, persons convicted of living at high rates without means are to be sent to the house of correction for 3 months, and on a second conviction, to stay till discharged by the justices in session. All who gain money by gaming at cards, dice, tennis, bowls, cock-fighting, or horse-races, &c., shall forfeit double the money gained, $\frac{1}{2}$ to the Protector, the other $\frac{1}{2}$ to the loser, if he prosecute them in 3 months, or to any other prosecuting in 6 months.

Forfeitures on this Act to be recovered in the courts of law. All bonds, mortgages, &c., made since 24 June 1657, for gaming debts, to be void and of none effect. [3$\frac{1}{2}$ *pp., No.* 121, *Vol. II., Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

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[June 26.] Act and declaration confirming 96 Acts and Ordinances, being those made between 20 April 1653 and 3 Sept. 1654, in the great exigencies and necessities of these nations, without consent of Parliament, which is contrary to the fundamental laws of these nations, and the rights of the people, and is not to be drawn into an an example. Also enacting that other Acts and ordinances not so confirmed, and made between 20 April 1653 and 17 Sept. 1656, be null and void, but all proceedings upon them to be valid and effectual in law, if done before 1 July 1657.

The orders of the Parliament begun at Westminster 3 Nov. 1640, setting forth land to Sir Chas. Coote, Lieut.-Gen. Mich. Jones, Sir John Reynolds, Col. Jerome Sanckey, Sir George Ayscue, Dr. Hen. Jones, the widow of Sir Simon Harcourt, and the widow of Col. Benj. Blundell, to stand in force. [20 *pp. printed, Vol. II., No.* 122, *Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 26.] Instructions agreed on in Parliament for Commissioners appointed to survey the forests of Sherwood, Needwood, Kingswood, Ashdown, or Lancaster Great Park, and Enfield Chace, confirming in pursuance of the preceding Act, the Ordinance of 1654, for their sale. They are to ascertain the bounds of the forests, enquire into claims, appoint juries for trial of claims, respect all rights existing before 25 March 1641, set out a fit proportion of waste ground for common, but allowing no claims by virtue of general words in grants. Also to enquire the yearly value of the lands and the timber, and certify it to the trustees for sale of the 4 forests or chaces reserved as collateral security to soldiers. Also to take note of the timber; to keep a diary of proceedings; to employ a clerk at 5*s.* and a messenger at 3*s.* a day, to hire labourers to carry the chains, &c., and to take copies of records, &c. Lambert, Desborow, Sydenham, Sir Gilbert Gerard, John Trevor, and Josias Berners to be a committee of appeal to determine matters, and examine matters on oath, and their decision to be final. In case of equal votes, Lord Commissioner Fiennes to settle the case. [14 *pp., printed, No.* 123, *Vol. II., Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 26.] Act for an assessment at the rate of 35,000*l.* a month on England, 6,000*l.* on Scotland, and 9,000*l.* on Ireland, for 3 years, from 24 June 1657, for a temporary supply towards maintenance of the armies and navies of the Commonwealth. [28 *pp., printed, No.* 124, *Vol. II., Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 26.] Act for continuing and establishing the subsidy of tonnage and poundage as appointed by Parliament 16 Dec. 1647, and the book of rates therein mentioned, with increased rates on wines and raisins imported, and on lead and tin exported.

All goods exported or imported without payment of custom to be forfeit, and the ship's officers to forfeit treble the value of the customs. The Customs' Commissioners to seize any goods of small bulk which they suspect are intended to be smuggled, or any goods not landed within 8 days of their arrival, and any opposing them to be fined 100*l.* The warehouse keepers of the said goods to be responsible therefor, and the Commissioners of Customs to take good security

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for them. Further precautions against smuggling. Half of the fines levied to be received by the Customs' Commissioners, the other half by the Protector.

Differences about cocquets on goods transported from one British port to another, when the customs are under 5*l.*, to be settled by the Commissioners of Customs. All coals exported by English to pay 4*s.*, and by strangers 8*s.* a ton.

To avoid fraudulent compositions, in case of delay or neglect of those who seize the goods, the Customs' Commissioners are to prosecute.

To encourage the English plantations, the rates on gingers are reduced to 20*s.* per cwt., and on white sugar to 5*l.*

Proviso that raisins exported after import pay half subsidy, and sundry other provisoes.

The Act of 12 March 1649–50, for the better packing of butter, and redress of abuses therein, to be revived from 1 August 1657, and to be in force also in Scotland and Ireland.

The rates of coal in Scotland to extend only to the great coal, and small coal to pay only half the custom of great coal. [16 *pp., printed. Collection of Acts, Vol. II, No.* 126, *Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 26.] Act for indemnifying such persons as have acted for the service of the public. As during the late troubles, the Commonwealth has been obliged to employ persons to check rebellion and secure peace, and is obliged in honour to protect them from any molestation therefor, all who have before 20 June 1657 done anything by commission of Parliament, or of the Protector and Council, are acquitted of all judgments and informations therefor. Also Rich. Hill, Sam. Wilson, John Sparrow, Hum. Blake, Rob. Turpin, and Rich. Blackwall, late Commissioners for Prize Goods, and John Carleton, treasurer, are discharged for all payments of money, by order of his Highness and Council. All Acts and ordinances of indemnity heretofore made are confirmed, and made pleadable in courts of justice. This Act to be construed in the most beneficial manner to the persons concerned. If on any trial the judges find that the parties acted for the service of Parliament, they are to certify to the Barons of Exchequer who are commissioned to relieve the parties. Nothing in this Act is to revive the power of the late Commissioners for Indemnity. [5 *pp., printed. Collection of Acts, Vol. II., No.* 129, *Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 26.] Act for preventing the multiplicity of buildings in and within 10 miles of London. To avoid the suits and indictments against those who build, a year's value is to be paid to the Protector for every new house built within 10 miles of the City walls since 25 March 1620, and not having 4 acres of freehold land, to be paid by the tenant, and allowed from the rent. A commission to be issued to 15 persons, who by 1 July 1657 are to issue precepts to the constables, tything men, &c., directing them to make returns of all such houses, and the names of the owners. The tenants shall also certify the houses, and returns be made into the Exchequer,

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whence warrants shall be issued for paying in the moneys to a receiver to be appointed, who shall pay the salaries of the Commissioners and officers, and the balance into the Exchequer.

In cases of houses omitted or undervalued, the Commissioners are to take examinations on oath, fining any who refuse to appear. Sheriffs, &c., are to assist the Commissioners in returning juries, getting in the fines and moneys, and distraining in case of refusal to pay. If there be no goods on which to distrain, the refusers are to be imprisoned without bail.

For all houses not returned within 6 months after 24 June 1657, 2 years' rent will be required. The payers of the fines to be free from all further prosecution. The salaries of the Commissioners to be 3*d.* in the pound on the receipts, and of the officers the same. If the Commissioners are sued, they are to give this Act in evidence, and to recover double costs against the plaintiff.

All who, after 29 Sept. 1657, build houses on less than 4 acres, to pay 100*l.* for each house.

To prevent fires, all houses to be built of brick or stone, and without jutting out, on penalty of 100*l.*

Proviso.—All actions to be commenced within a year after the offence. The Act not to extend to houses on Crown, Dean and Chapter, or delinquents' lands.

Abatement of 7,000*l.* to William, Earl of Bedford, and John and Edw. Russell, sons of Francis, late Earl of Bedford, from fines for buildings in Covent Garden, on account of the late Earl's charges in building a church there.

Exceptions in favour of houses built on the State's dockyard in the river, if finished before 1 July 1657, the hospitals of Christ, St. Bartholomew, Bridewell, Thomas, and Bethlehem, buildings in Lincoln's Inn Fields before October 1659, the estate of St. Olave's Free School, and sundry minor exceptions. [24 *pp., printed. Vol. II., No.* 130, *Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

[June 26.] Act for the quiet enjoying of sequestered parsonages and vicarages by the present incumbent. All who are settled before 1 July 1657, by authority of Parliament, the Protector, or the Commissioners of the Great Seal, the ejected minister being then living, are to remain in possession. On the death or removal of any minister so settled, the patron (if neither delinquent nor Papist) to present to the living, as though the sequestered incumbent were dead. Where the ejected minister has not a real estate of 30*l.* a year, or a personal of 500*l.*, he is to be allowed $\frac{1}{5}$ of the profits, provided he remain out of the parish. No incumbent to be charged with first fruits till the death of the sequestered incumbent. Ant. Lapthorn, minister of Sedgfield, co. Durham, not to be confirmed in his rectory, but to have 200*l.* a year from the profits.

Any patron to present, if the incumbent is deceased, and the place is not supplied before 17 June 1657. [4 *pp., printed. Collection of Acts, Vol. II., No* 131, *Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

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[June 26.] Act for raising 15,000*l.* in Scotland, by 5,000*l.* a month, towards maintenance of the war with Spain, and other affairs of the Commonwealth, distributing the sum to the several counties and boroughs, appointing commissioners in each for raising it, and directing their proceedings.

Commissioners neglecting their duty to be fined 20*l.*, and receivers not paying in their moneys to have their estates sequestered. In case of dispute, the lands are to be surveyed. No universities or colleges to be taxed, but all the tenants holding houses and lands under them. [38 *pp., printed. No* 134, *Vol. II., Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

June 27. / July 7. St. Germains en Laye. Col. Jo. Bam[field to Sec. Thurloe.]. Mr. Cockin wrote me a month since that you had promised an answer to a letter he gave you from me, but as it did not come, I abandoned myself to ruin, and determined to throw myself into the army as a common soldier, wishing but death. But a few days before executing this melancholy resolution, Sir John Hobart wrote me that your thoughts of me were something changed, and that you would favour me with a speedy employment into Germany, and would send me letters and instructions by the next post; but 5 posts having since come in, I fear I have lost my little share in your good opinion. I am thus in worse condition than before, for I have almost spent my last stock, which was to carry me to the army, so that if my fears prove true, I must beg thither. If you will not trouble to write, send me your final resolution by one of your servants.

P.S. If I had the instructions speedily, I might overtake the Duke de Gramont before he passes the frontiers of Germany, and to go with him to the Electors of Mentz, Treves, and Saxony. [1¼ *pages, copy, French correspondence.*]

June 28. / July 8. Orleans. **74.** M. Jollivet to Williamson. Compliments. My son is going to finish his studies at Saumur. I have been travelling to Chastillon, Geneva, Lyons, &c. Lead my son to the study of Greek, and give him a little of your time, that he may copy your perfect original.

P.S. Compliments to M. Amirault. [2 *pages, French.*]

June 29. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the Lord Mayor of London. Next Wednesday is appointed for proclaiming his Highness Protector of the 3 kingdoms. Some members of Council will be present, and yourself and the aldermen are to be there; cause the Proclamation to be made in the usual places. [*I.* 78, *p.* 7.]

June 29. **75.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Private affairs. We shall soon have the last volume of the Bible, with a 6th of *variæ lectiones*. Book transactions with M. Lerpinière. Transmission of letters.

Sir Fras. [Norris] left us on Friday [June 26], when the Protector, in his chair of state, robed king-like, with a golden sceptre in one hand and a rich Bible in the other, took his oath in Westminster Hall, the ministers, judges, and aldermen present. The Speaker put on his purple velvet robe lined with ermine, then girt about him his

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sword, and gave him his oath, which I send you. The Earl of Warwick carried the sword royal; 3 more naked swords were carried by Viscount Lisle, Montague, and Whitelock. The Earl of Warwick's grandchild, who marries one of his daughters, carried up his train. Parliament is adjourned to Jan. 20; 19 millions are confirmed for 3 years, and he to pay the army, navy, &c. With the oath taken by Cromwell, to maintain the Protestant religion in its purity; to endeavour, as chief magistrate, the preservation of peace and the just rights of the people, and in all things to govern according to law. [2 *pages.*]

June 30. July 10. Blois. **76.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. Mr. Smith and Mr. Ball have come to Mr. Gray's, and we are good friends. My Provost has for companion a Scotchman of ability, and both walk in the garden every morning to study plants for me. [1 *page, French.*]

June ? Hen. Tobancke to Lord ———, at M. Garaut, Rue des Bons enfants. I gave the King your news, which was the first he had heard. I hope you will pass as safely the latter part of the journey. We heard that our army had marched to relieve Montmedy, but it is probably at La Bassee, which is invested. The Duke of York marched yesterday from Tournay, with the whole infantry and cannon, to the siege; the Duke of Gloucester has been ill 3 or 4 days, but is better, and marches next Friday infallibly. The King is still firm to his resolution, but I see no more appearance of its expedition. Blake is said to be dead or soundly knocked. I enclose 2 letters left in my care.

P.S. My mistress bade me last night assure you of her affectionate service. She is going a short progress for some days. With notes of 3 addresses at Bruges, the Hague, and Newcastle-on-Tyne. [1¼ *pages, copy, French correspondence.*]

June ? **77.** Petition of Elizabeth, wife of John Jacobson, to the Admiralty Commissioners. My husband has long been prisoner at Chelsea College, and I left 3 children in Dunkirk, and came over with the Governor's pass to exchange him for a shipmaster, prisoner at Dunkirk, but you demanded 5 more men in lieu of him, though he never was a captain till taken prisoner, and the lords at Dunkirk say they have no more prisoners there. We are perishing for want of bread, and I was a great relief to the English prisoners at Dunkirk. I beg that my husband may be exchanged for the shipmaster. [1 *page.*]

June ? **78.** Petition renewed. My husband has been 5 months prisoner in the Mews, and I ten weeks endeavouring his release. I beg his exchange for And. Ruder, and on his arrival, he will either send over 3 more men, or return prisoner himself. [⅔ *page.*]

June ? **79.** Petition of Rob. Yardley to the Admiralty Commissioners, to examine his claim presented by their order when they were at Chatham last January, to stables, &c., there Has made many journeys since to know their pleasure, and had no rent for 2¼ years, though due 24 June 1656. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

79. I. *Statement of the said lease made to Rob. Yardley, sen., and Edward his son, and then to Edw. Yardley and*

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Rob. Yardley, jun., his son, of the said rectory, stables, &c.; the latter being worth much more than 13*s.* 4*d. a year, Rob. Yardley wishes to resume them unless he may have a fitting rent.* [¾ *page.*]

June? **80.** Note that at Taunton assizes, Eliz. Tucker, was fined 20*l.*, and Ann, wife of Hum. Wilmot, and Joan Giles, 20 marks each, and to remain in gaol till payment, they being summoned 6 April 1657 to find sureties to keep the peace towards Jas. Strong, of Gloucester, co. Somerset, or in default thereof, to be sent to prison. With notes of 11 other persons [Quakers (?)] also committed to answer for like trespasses and offences. [1¾ *pages.*]

July 2. **81.** Examinations before the Admiralty Commissioners of Rich. Wood, gunner, Thomas Attawell, boatswain, and John Falkner, master's mate of the Parrot. After leaving the Adventure with letters for the Commander-in-chief in the Downs, espying 4 sail, which they believed to be English, made up to them, but found they were Spanish men of war, two of which,—one having 18 guns and 130 men, and the other 16 guns and 120 men,—came alongside the Parrot, and threatened, if they fired a gun, they should have no quarter, but be destroyed; although there was a willingness in all the company to fight, or blow the ship up rather than yield, yet as the captain gave no order to fight, they surrendered on quarter, whereupon examinants with 18 others were put on board a Dane from Norway, which the Spaniards had taken, and sent to London, and the captain with 14 others were carried away by the Spaniards in the Parrot. [2½ *pages.*]

July 3. Assurance, Dunkirk. **82.** Captain Phil. Holland to the Admiralty Commissioners. On Tuesday last, I sent some of the commanders in my pinnace to view the ships in the harbour of Dunkirk; they reported there were 10 or more sail, but as they lay thick, their size could not be clearly discovered; the next day I ordered Capt. Smith of the Truelove to go in before the harbour's mouth, and come to an anchor as near as he could, which did not please the Dunkirkers; so next morning they presented Capt. Smith with 16 or 17 guns from the town and pier head, but they took no effect, so he continued there. On Thursday I ordered him to go as before, and sent the pinnace with him. I cannot but commend his extraordinary care and forwardness in giving notice of the enemies' coming out that night, so that the Merlin with the rest met with them; his relation is enclosed.

As another frigate of 10 or 12 guns is expected to come out with the rest to-night, I have drawn all the small vessels together before the harbour's mouth, the Redhorse pink to lie between the Hook and the Splinter, and the Raven open with the Swatch. I hear by John Poteete of Calais from Flushing, that 2 great English ships have been brought in there by the enemy, and that 3 Dunkirkers have tallowed and victualled there, ready for sea. [1 *page.*]

Enclosing,

1. *Notes by Capts. Wm. Smith, Geo. Ford, Ant. Lilburne, and Rich. Streete, that, observing a signal from the Commander-in-*

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chief before Dunkirk, of 2 vessels of war having come out of Dunkirk about 12 p.m., they slipped their cables, and endeavoured to get up with them, as also fired several guns, but after chasing them as low as Ostend, they got away, being newly off the ground. [*Scrap.*]

July $\frac{3}{13}$. Brussels. Sir Geo. Lane to his father, Sec. Nicholas. I hope Mr. Shaw has sent you to Bruges the money assigned you by Mr. Lamborne. If not, I will hasten him. When I get my money from the Pagador, I will send you what proportion you command.

The enclosed papers, being of great importance to me, I send not by the post, but by Colonel Warren. The lord lieutenant will write you his Majesty's pleasure about them, so I will only ask you to put it in such a way as may render his late blessed Majesty's grant effectual to me, according to his Majesty's gracious intentions.

P.S. My wife and I kiss your and your lady's hands. Observe that the [late] King's letter was dated with his own hand, and I think it was the last grant that ever he signed. I am sure it was the last that related to Ireland. [3 *pages. Flanders correspondence.*]

July $\frac{3}{13}$. Brussels. Marquis of Ormond to Sec. Nicholas. Sir George Lane having presented the gracious letters from our late master to me, in time of my government, in favour of Sir George, his Majesty wishes you to prepare warrants for his obtaining effectual grants for the offices named in those letters, and send them to him speedily. I am here the only writer, so that I have little time to myself, and so have not written you, but I have little to entertain you with except our ill condition here, which is an argument too familiar with you there. Endorsed by Nicholas, "R. 14. My lord lieutenant of Ireland signifies his Majesty's pleasure to me for preparing several grants of several offices in Ireland to Sir George Lane." [1 *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

July 4. The Pembroke, Ostend. **83.** Capt. Jno. Grove to the Admiralty Commissioners. On the 3rd inst., between one and two a.m., we received an alarm from the small frigates before Ostend, so we made sail to them, and when it was day, discovered that a new frigate of 12 guns had come forth, and being newly cleaned, escaped. In chasing him, Capt. Jno. Peirce, of the Lily, fell in with one of their party, at anchor in the Wellings, and forced him on shore, and the Acadia and Cignet having given him divers shots under water, sunk him, when they fetched off his guns, and disabled him. I understand it was the frigate that took the ship laden with masts and deals for the State; I will be careful to lay wait for his prize, if they bring her for Flushing. I hear from Flushing that Vice-Admiral Eversen is discontented at their bringing the Parrot there, and says he would have given 1,000*l.* rather than she should have been brought into their port. [1 *page.*]

July 5. The Essex, Downs. **84.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorn to the Admiralty Commissioners. I informed Vice-Adm. Goodson and Capt. Blagg that the supernumeraries on board the Triumph are to be turned over into the Resolution, and also gave notice to all the captains that when they have gained their full complement, they are not to keep any

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supernumeraries on board without special order. I have sent the Drake to Capt. Grove off Ostend, to take care that none of the enemies' men-of-war come out or get in there for the future. The Nightingale should come over to clean. If Capt. Rooth comes here, I will send him to Ostend, so that Capt. Lightfoot may be the better spared. I have also directed Capts. Tatnell and Blyth, if the Parrot, which is carried into Flushing, may be regained without breach of the peace with the Hollanders, to use their endeavours therein. I have appointed the Adventure and Dover to water with the squadron off Ostend, and ply there, so as to keep them all together, and from any annoyance from the enemy.

I will be very cautious in ordering any small vessels out from the Downs, unless in company with frigates of force, and have dismissed Capt. Crapnell as ordered. Mr. Tymon was master's mate in the Ruth when Capt. Edw. Thompson was Commander-in-chief, and was at the reducing of Salley and the Barbadoes, as also in the Plymouth engagement with Sir Geo. Ayscue, and the June fight with the Hollanders, and has likewise been master of 2 merchant ships. None of the officers of the Parrot have yet come down.

I hear from Capt. Holland that the enemy have 10 men-of-war of 14 or 16 guns each, fitting out at Dunkirk, and that notwithstanding all possible care was used to prevent their coming out, yet 2 of them got out on Thursday night; they were chased, but being newly cleaned, they escaped. Two great English ships have lately been carried into Flushing. List of 15 ships in the Downs, as also particulars of others.

I have preferred to deliver up the charge of the Downs squadron to Vice-Adm. Goodson, but he is unwilling to take it until directed. I hear from Capt. Grove at Ostend that they forced one of the enemies' frigates of 6 guns ashore, and after taking out her guns, they destroyed her; she is supposed to be the same that took the ship with the masts. [3 *pages.*]

July $\frac{6}{16}$. Dunkirk. **85.** Admiralty Judges of Dunkirk to the [Admiralty Commissioners.] We are informed that 2 English men-of-war have lately taken the St. Nicolas, a Dunkirk man-of-war, and carried her into the port of York, and that her company are very badly used, especially Antoine Garcia, by placing him in irons, because a day or two before they were taken, his captain, in endeavouring to capture an English ketch, accidentally shot 2 of her men, one of whom has since died. We desire that no unnecessary rigour may be used against him for that cause, but that he may be treated in the same manner as the rest of his company, and as prisoners of war, otherwise we shall have to follow your example by using the like rigour. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages, French.*]

July $\frac{6}{16}$. **86.** Translation of the above. [1 *page.*]

July 6. The Resolution, Downs. **87.** Vice-Adm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I beg to be excused if there is any cause for blaming me in not accepting the command of the Downs squadron from Capt. Whitehorn. I wait until the arrival, hourly expected, of Gen. Montague, and until your pleasure is fully known. [1 *page.*]

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July 6. London. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish. You will have heard of the renewal of our trouble concerning Sir Sackvile Crow, on a suit begun against us in the Upper Bench by an action of battery and assault and false imprisonment, from the time he was shipped at Smyrna, to his damage of 40,000*l.*, which is a matter concerning your lordship; and we hear your friends have told you what he has objected before a Committee of Parliament, of which you may furnish us with such witnesses and other evidence as you judge fit, as you better understand the matter than we. If it come to a trial, we think it would be next term, as Parliament is prorogued for half-a-year. The chief objection we have hitherto observed as to his removal thence is his dissatisfaction concerning the authority you brought to succeed him, wherewith he says he was never made acquainted.

Your letter of 23 Dec. is to hand, but not that of 21 Oct., whereof, and of others, you will do well to send duplicates. We observe what you write of Rich. Lawrence, with whom we shall adjust accounts on his arrival; also of the sentence procured against the customer's demands of double custom, though not without trouble and expense. We thank you for your pains, and will endeavour to procure his Highness's letter to the Grand Seignior noticing that piece of justice. We are glad of your fair correspondence with the ministers of State, as a means to promote our interest and trade, which we hope you will be able to preserve in its present undisturbed condition.

We notice in yours of 18 Feb. your despatch of Mr. Lister to his employment at Cyprus, and of Sir Roger Middleton to the Morea; your intentions concerning Aleppo, and the prevention of injuries there; and your advice for his Highness's letter to the Grand Seignior concerning the piracy of those of Tripoli, which comes too late for our interposition, since a fleet is already sent that way, but we presume not without instructions first to treat before they fall upon any hostile action.

We are glad you have procured the release of Geo. Davies, which is a great comfort to his father and friends, and a special act of charity in your lordship. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 288–9.]

July 6. London. Levant Company to Spencer Bretton, Consul at Smyrna. Though we have no letter from you to answer, yet we have special occasion to recommend the enclosed order for remedying the foulness of raw silk, which we desire you to communicate to the factors, and put in execution, to prevent so great a grievance. We also recommend to you the other particulars specified in the letter to yourself and the factory, especially the due collection of consulage of strangers and others.

Yours of 3 March is now to hand, which we shall answer in our next, when we have considered your fair and rational proposition as a help to clear our debts. Meanwhile we order, for punishment of such as try to defraud us of our dues, that a course be taken to seize part of their goods, and detain them till the owner pay double consulage. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 290.]

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July 6. London. Levant Company to the Consul, Treasurer, and Factory at Smyrna. We have been so inconvenienced by the foulness of raw silk imported from time to time into England, not only by our own particular prejudice, but by the clamours of others with whom we deal, that we have taken effectual means to remedy it, according to the enclosed order, which we pray you to see carried out, either as we prescribe, or as your better judgment on the spot may suggest.

A complaint has reached us that the consulage of strangers is so remissly collected at that place as to cause us great loss, and give occasion for raising leviations; we pray you collect it more carefully in future, that our debts be not increased.

We repeat our complaint that you still charge to us the expenses of 5 Nov., which we have so often disallowed. We think a great occasion of our loss of strangers' consulage is the omission of their former custom of lading and unlading of goods at the Treasurer's scale, of which we have complained before, and we desire a renewal of that course, for better securing our dues.

Although we have done and still continue to prohibit the lading of fruit and cute, yet that is no reason for losing the consulage on what has been already laden. Mr. Barnardiston has promised to satisfy there what is due on the Prosperous, which we desire you to receive, with the consulage of what has been laden on other ships. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 290–1.]

July 7. Whitehall. Council to his Highness's Commissioners in Scotland. We enclose several copies of a proclamation of his Highness and Parliament, with the petition and advice therein mentioned, which all public officers concerned are to have published in the respective counties, cities, &c., in Scotland with due solemnity. [*I.* 77, *p.* 973; *I.* 78, *p.* 7.]

July 7. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the sheriffs of the several counties of England, and to the mayors or other officers of towns. To like effect, with list of the counties, and note of the number of copies sent to each. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 973–4; *I.* 78, *p.* 7.]

July 7. Dover. **88.** Captain Christ. Myngs to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have safely arrived from Jamaica, which I left on 12 April, with the Success and the Bear, after much difficulty and endurance. Provisions were much wanted throughout the fleet, there being only from 3 to 5 weeks' victuals on the ships, and the major part of the fleet were divided about the island, to get relief until supplies arrived. We, with the Success and Bear, were ordered home, and to make use of the Bahamas, where we got a supply of turtle and water. They will not be long after us, unless want of provisions forces them for Virginia or New England. Our ship is so deficient of sails and boats that we cannot venture further than the Downs without a supply. I enclose a packet from Lieutenant-General Brayne for the Council of State. [1 *page.*]

July $\frac{8}{18}$. Brussels. Sir Geo. Lane to Sec. Nicholas. I am just taking horse for the army. Thanks for yours of the 16th. I am glad you have received the 150 livres from Mr. Shaw, and hope when I return from the

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army to offer you part of the advance which is ordered to be paid on my pension; for I intend, when I have despatched his Majesty's business, to complain to his Highness [Don John of Austria], who will, I hope, give me a positive order to the Pagador.

Lord [Ormond] tells me the King wishes those grants passed under the Great Seal of England, there being none for Ireland, or they had been passed when his Excellency signed that instrument I sent you along with his late Majesty's letter. The office of clerk of the crown of chief place is that of the King's Bench in Ireland, and has no relation to that of the Hanaper. It is impossible to procure copies of the former grants, but the learned counsel can draw them up effectual in law, according to the warrants, which I suppose to be drawn to the effect of the letter and grant already made by the lord Lieutenant. It is needless to keep them secret from the counsel, therefore get them despatched. The fees and perquisites can be named in general terms, but take Mr. Heath's opinion.

Your godson thrives apace, and is a finer boy than Ormond. Noted as received 21st. [3 *pages. Flanders correspondence.*]

July $\frac{8}{18}$. **89.** Deposition of Chris. Sidney. I heard Israel Allen, merchant, protest at Rotterdam that he believed the late King had too much justice done him in being allowed a fair trial by the only just representatives of the Commonwealth, and being desired to drink the King's health, saying he knew no such man, he, on his knees, drank the Protector's health, and said he would spend his whole estate in maintaining the just titles God had given him, for propagation of the Gospel and maintenance of the people's liberties, which he courageously fought for and maintained. Others now absent can give a fuller account of his disaffection and malignancy. [Endorsed by Nicholas. 1 *page.*]

July $\frac{8}{18}$. Paris. **90.** C. George to Williamson. I send you the enclosed. I am surprised that your friends in England do not write to another address. [1 *page, French.*]

July $\frac{9}{19}$. Whitehall. Sec. Thurloe to [——— Swift ?]. We are all here in much quiet, and I trust to continue so, though we are threatened from Flanders that they will be with us before the end of this year. They there brag extremely that many of our forces are run over to them. I hope 'tis false. [*Extract. French correspondence.*]

July 13. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

His Highness present.

1. Note that President Lawrence and Gen. John Desborow took the oath prescribed in the additional and explanatory petition and advice to be taken by Council, before Fiennes and Lisle, authorised thereto by commission under the Great Seal.

2. Note that Fiennes, Mulgrave, Lisle, Rous, the Lord-Deputy, and Strickland took the same oath, before the Lord-President and Desborow.

3. His Highness nominated John Thurloe, Secretary of State, to be a member of Council, to which Council consented, and Thurloe took the oath.

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4. The following form of oath to be taken by the clerks of Council read, and agreed to:—"I, *A. B.*, being by his Highness appointed a clerk of Council, do promise, in the sight of God, that through His grace, I will be faithful in the trust committed to me, and not reveal anything in whole or part, directly or indirectly, that shall be debated in Council, and ordered to be kept secret, without permission." With note that Hen. Scobell took the said oath as clerk, in presence of his Highness and Council.

5. A draft order for appointing an Army Committee and Receiver-General for Assessments read, and referred to Desborow, Thurloe, Lord-Deputy, Strickland, Lisle, and Fiennes.

6. The petition of John Coltman and Herbert Higgins referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to examine and report. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 1, 2.]

July 14. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. Note that Wm. Jessop took the oath appointed for clerks of Council.

2. Desborow reports from the Committee for appointment of an Army Committee a draft order, which was read and agreed to by Council, and approved by his Highness.

3*. Order that—whereas by the Act for the 3 months' assessment from 25 March to 24 June 1657, the county receivers were to pay in their moneys to Blackwell and Deane, receivers-general, at Guildhall, London, to be paid out for supply of the forces—the persons nominated 28 Jan. 1653–4 as an Army Committee be continued, and issue the said moneys, and that the Treasurers-at-war, receivers, collectors, &c., obey their orders. Proviso, that they are not allowed to levy any of the said moneys by free quarter, or quarterings of soldiers. [*Also in Collection of Acts, Record Office Library, Vol. II., No.* 120. 3 *pp. printed.*]

4. Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Fiennes, the Lord Deputy, Lisle, Strickland, and Rous to consider the distribution of the 3 months' assessment of 60,000*l.* among the forces in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and report.

5. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay out of assessment money 180,000*l.* to Blackwell and Deane, War Treasurers, for payment of his Highness's forces.

6. A memorial presented by Mr. Secretary from the public minister of the Duke of Courland read. Fiennes and Thurloe to consider fit instructions for Bradshaw, the resident at Hamburg, according to to-day's debate on the said paper.

7. An answer to the said memorial, presented by Mr. Secretary, read, amended, and agreed to, and his Highness advised to order it to be given to the Duke of Courland's minister in answer. Also to give the said minister a gold chain and medal of 100*l.* value.

8. Fiennes, the Lord Deputy, Lisle, Desborow, Thurloe, Strickland, and Rous to consider what may be offered to Council concerning Denmark, according to to-day's debate, and report.

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9.* Approval of a recommendation by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers for the union of Mary's rectory, Trinity vicarage, and St. John's parish in Bungay, Suffolk, the parish church of Mary's to be the meeting place.

10.* Order on a report on the petition of Sarah Vincent [*see 7 April*, 1657]—that for the years 1647–49, when Sedgfield rectory was in Ant. Lapthorne's hands, he returns the total receipts at only 555*l*.19*s*. 11*d*., though it was afterwards let at 500*l*. a year, and that on speaking with him, he refused to pay Mrs. Vincent,—that Lapthorne be brought to account in the Exchequer for the profits of the rectory whilst it remained in his hands, and that the Attorney-General exhibit an information against him. *Annexing,*

91. *Report alluded to, showing also that the rectory was let from* 1650–52 *at* 500*l*., *and then Lapthorne received* 156*l*. 1*s*. 5*d*. *more than his* 200*l*. *a year; and in* 1653–56 *it was let at from* 435*l*. *to* 385*l*. *a year, and advising an order as above. Signed by Fiennes and Lisle.* [1½ *pages.*]

11. Dr. Owen, Dean of Christchurch, Mr. Caryll, Carter, Griffith, Manton, Cowper, Balmford, Lambert, Godfrey, Majors-General Whalley and Goffe, Mr. Downing, Carey, Scobell, and Jessop to receive from Lord Wariston, Mr. Gillespy, Mr. Guthery, and others the papers they have tendered from divers ministers in Scotland, and the papers presented by Mr. Sharpe, and to state and report the matter to Council.

12. The petition of the Mayor, commonalty, and citizens of London to the Protector referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to examine the truth of the matter of fact, and report.

13.* Order on report from the Committee on the union of Euston and Heythrop, in co. Oxford, certified by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, and confirmed by his Highness's order of 20 Jan. 1656–7—that, to accommodate the difference between the parishes concerning the union, an augmentation of 60*l*. should be allowed to the minister of Euston for the vicarage of Euston, instead of the advantages resulting from the union, and the rectory of Heythrop remain distinct as formerly;—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers settle an augmentation of 60*l*. a year on the minister of Euston, to be paid from Midsummer last.

14. Mr. Scobell to present to Council next Thursday such matters as stand referred to it from Parliament.

15.* Order approving the proceedings of the Lord President, who reports that in the interval of Council he sent to the Lord Mayor of London, the Council in Scotland, and the Lord Deputy and Council in Ireland, and to the sheriffs, &c., of this nation whom it concerns, the Proclamation of 26 June 1657, and the petition and advice mentioned, which he sent with his own letters. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 2–7.]

July 15. **92.** Establishment of the forces in England and Scotland, commencing 15 Oct. 1655, with the alterations since made by Protector and Council. [17 *pages, much damaged.*]

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His Highness present.

The orders marked thus * were approved in person.

1.* The petition of divers well affected parishioners and inhabitants of Stepney parish, for themselves and some thousands of families of mariners and others, referred to the Lord Mayor of London, the Lieutenant of the Tower, Sir Chris. Pack, Ald. Foote, Solomon Smith, Capt. Limbry, Capt. Weldy, and Thos. Smith, to examine witnesses, state the case, and report how the cause of complaint may best be removed.

2.* The augmentation of 40*l.* settled by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers on Mr. Flamack, lecturer at Pendennis Castle, Cornwall, who has removed, to be continued to his successor, Sam. Beale, with arrears from 29 April 1656.

3.* Approval of the following augmentations to ministers granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, *viz.* :—

		Yearly.		
		£	s.	d.
North and South Newbalds -	co. York -	26	0	0
Gigleswick - - - -	„ -	40	0	0
Assistant to Mr. Woodbridge, of Newbury	Berks -	20	0	0
Eckington - - - -	Worcester	30	0	0
Ruthen - - - -	Denbigh -	50	0	0
South Shields - - -	Durham -	40	0	0
Ilfracombe - - - -	Devon -	39	3	4
Woolphancot - - -	Warwick	20	0	0
St. John and Margarets, Isle of Thanet	Kent -	15	0	0
Nicholas, Bristol, additional - -	Gloucester	20	0	0
Leanstadwell - - -	Pembroke	30	0	0
Penbrin - - - -	Cardigan	20	0	0
North Glenham - - -	Suffolk -	30	0	0
Cropredy - - - -	Oxon -	15	0	0
Elvetham - - - -	Hants -	40	0	0

4. Lord Deputy, Mr. Secretary, Lisle, Mulgrave, Desborow, Fiennes, and Strickland, to consider the petition of Martha Arundel, a native of England, for herself and orphan daughter, who are recommended by Parliament to his Highness, and to report.

5, 6. The business concerning Maj. Walters, recommended by Parliament to his Highness and Council, referred to the same Committee, to report. Also the petition of Sir John Cheisley of Kerswell.

7. Drs. Wright, Cox, and Bates to visit Jas. Naylor, a prisoner at Bridewell, and report his condition both of mind and body, Mr. Scobell to get ready for Council the orders of Parliament concerning Naylor.

8.* The Treasury Commissioners to stop issuing money for any other purpose than for the army, navy, or civil government, without leave from his Highness and Council.

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9.* On Desborow's report from the Committee on distribution of assessment money, that, as regards Scotland, the forces are paid up by assignments from England till 16 March 1656–7, and the 15,000*l.* charged on Scotland, with 45,213*l.* out of the 180,000*l.* from England will pay them up to May 25, 1657; that in Ireland, the 20,000*l.* charged on Ireland, and the 47,373*l.* out of the 180,000*l.* will pay the forces there up till July 5, 1657; and that in England, 72,355*l.* will be wanted to pay the foot about London till June 22, 1657, and the other forces till 25 May 1657:—Order that the said respective sums wanted in Scotland and Ireland be paid out of the 180,000*l.* assessment money, and the other sums charged on Scotland and Ireland be devoted to the pay of the forces there, according to the above report.

10. Order on the petition of the Committee for accounts of soldiers, sitting at Worcester House—that they have received a summons from the Countess of Worcester to leave Worcester House, where all the soldiers' accounts are stored, which they cannot do within the time expected by her without obstruction to the cases depending before them, and they do not know whither to remove—that Desborow, Lisle, and Strickland speak with the Countess, and report what should be done.

11. The petition of Peter Blondeau referred to Desborow, Pickering, Lord-Deputy, and Rous, to report.

12. Desborow, Fiennes, Mr. Secretary, Lisle, and Strickland to consider the accounts for provisions bought for the forces sent into France under Sir John Reynolds, and how the money may be advanced to pay for them, till the returns of money from France; and to proceed in like manner for Major Cobbett's account for coats provided for the said soldiers.

13. The Committee on the Piedmont Protestants to be summoned to meet at Whitehall next Wednesday.

14.* Letters of marque to be granted to Capt. Thos. Crowder of the America of London, carrying 30 guns, bound for the West Indies, and a pinnace, the Look Out, of 40 tons, as ships of war against the King of Spain, on giving the usual security. With the warrant for the letters of marque accordingly. 23 July. [*I.* 114, *p.* 83.[1]]

15.* Order for a warrant securing from impress the mariners of the above 2 ships, about 80 in number [*I.* 78, *pp.* 2–13.] With the warrant accordingly. 23 July. [*I.* 114, *p.* 83.]

July 16. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Dr. Owen. His Highness and Council have passed the enclosed order concerning some matters in difference between the ministers of Scotland, for hearing whereof we think the referees should begin their meeting next Tuesday, at the room in Whitehall which the Commissioners for Approbation use, and they therefore desire you and the rest to come up with all speed. [*I.* 77, *p.* 974.]

[1] There are no warrants in the book I. 114 from 4 June to 23 July 1657, and then occurs this memorandum:—"The warrants following passed the Council after his Highness took upon him the government, according to the humble petition and advice of the Parliament."

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July 16. Whitehall. **93, 94.** Petition of Edw. Rand, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to the Protector, for restitution of 4 iron guns taken out of his ship, the Dolphin of Newcastle, at the beginning of the wars, by order of the then mayor, for defence of the garrison there, 3 of which were found on the garrison being reduced, marked with his initials, E R., but could not be restored without order. With reference thereon to Sir John Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, of 18 March 1655–6, and second reference, signed by the Protector, 16 July 1657, to the Admiralty Commissioners. [2 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

94. I. *Certificate of Wm. Johnson, Mayor of Newcastle, of the depositions made before him by Rand and others, as to the guns being taken from the Dolphin by order from Sir John Marley, then Mayor and Governor of Newcastle, for the King, 3 of which guns he has lately found, but the fourth is missing. 4 April* 1654. [1 *page.*]

94. II. *Like certificate that Rand deposes that he has received no payment for the guns, which were this day shipped for London, and that he requests their restoration. 30 Aug.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

July $\frac{19}{29}$. Sedan. [Amb. Lockhart to Sec. Thurloe.] Some amongst Gen. Reynolds' forces drove a design for Charles Stuart, which was discovered; some of the managers of the design were apprehended, and have suffered death, and such of the soldiers as were debauched are to die. [*Extract. French correspondence.*]

July 20. St. Sebastians. **95.** Deposition of Bart. Taylor, master of the Bachelor of London. I sailed from Lisbon for Newhaven with a cargo of sugar, but being taken prize by a man-of-war called the Jesus Maria Joseph, I and my company of 16 men and officers were carried to St. Sebastian's. As there are numerous other prisoners belonging to Flanders in Plymouth and Chelsea College, I promised, if permitted to return with some of my men, that I and they would use all possible means to get an exchange of the prisoners, and I left my purser, pilot, and master's mate behind, as a security and pledge for performance of my promise. I desire the release of prisoners named. I also promise to give 20 ryals of 8 to each of 16 English prisoners named. [2 *pages, Spanish.*] *Annexing,*

95. I. *Note of four Spanish prisoners to be exchanged.* [*Scrap.*]

July 20. **96.** Translation of the above. [8 *pages.*]

July 21. **97.** Petition of John, Earl of Tweedale, to the Protector. Having part of the estate of Charles, Earl of Dunfermline, on mortgage, I am sued by your Commissioners for feu and blanch duties unpaid by the Earl before I meddled with the estate. The Earl was allowed these duties for his charges as King's Commissioner in the Assembly at St. Andrew's, July and August 1642, but he, being ruined, was not careful to get out his discharge. I am almost ruined by my father's engagements for the Earl, and beg allowance of these duties. With holograph reference to the Council in England. 19 March 1656-7. [1 *sheet.*]

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July 21. **98.** Reference thereon in Council to the Commissioners for Scotland. [½ *page; also I.* 78, *p.* 14.] *Annexing,*

98. I., II., III. *Information for the Earl of Tweedale, being a detailed statement of his late father's transactions with his nephew, the Earl of Dunfermline, and the Earl of Calendar, father-in-law to the latter. Dunfermline owes Tweedale* 30,000*l.*, *and Tweedale has only* 400*l. a year of his estate.* [3 *copies.*]

July 21. **99.** Petition of Colonel John Carter to Council. His Highness on an order of Parliament granted me a privy seal for 3,000*l.* to be paid in course; but before I received any part of it, you ordered a stop of all payments. I beg a further order to the Exchequer officers to pay me in course, from moneys out of the Prize Office. [1 *page.*]

July 21. Order for its payment accordingly. [*I.* 78, *p.* 15.]

July 21. **100.** Petition of the inhabitants of Oswestry, co. Salop, to the Protector. Our church, being without the walls of the town, which was used as a Parliamentary garrison, was pulled down in the late war, for the safety of the garrison, and we are unable to rebuild it without aid. We beg an order for a collection. Our godly minister is obliged to preach in the ruinous town-hall, which will only hold 300, when he might have 2,000 or 3,000, were there a place to contain them. We also beg an order to those who have appropriated the materials of the church to restore them. With reference, signed by the Protector, to Council. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

100. I. *Like petition to the justices of peace of the county, to represent their condition to his Highness. The large and spacious church was destroyed in* 1644, *and would cost many thousands to rebuild. The inhabitants are* 6,000, *and have no place of worship.* [1 *page.*]

100. II. *Certificate of* 16 *justices of peace to the truth of the above, and that the church cannot be rebuilt under* 7,000*l.* 16 *signatures.* [1 *page.*]

July 21. **101.** Order thereon in Council that counsel learned certify whether the collection may be granted by law. [½ *page; also I.* 78, *p.* 16.]

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1. Note that Sydenham and Skippon took the oath of Privy Councillor, according to the explanatory petition and advice, before the Lord President and Gen. Desborow.

2. Approval of grants by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 20*l.*, in addition to 30 already granted, to Thos. Jolley, Minister of Altham, co. Lancaster; and of 20*l.* to the Minister of Charnes, co. Stafford. Approved by the Protector.

3. Skippon, Desborow, Lisle, Rous, Mr. Secretary, Mulgrave, Strickland, Sydenham, and Lord Deputy, to consider what should be done in prosecution of the vote of Parliament concerning public faith, and report.

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4. The Scotch and Irish Committee to be revived, the Lord Deputy added to the Scotch Committee, and Mr. Secretary to the Scotch and Irish Committee.

9. The Treasury Commissioners to order that, out of the first prize money coming in, John Maidstone be paid 5,000*l.* towards his Highness's household expenses.

10, 11. Next after the above, John Embree to be paid 3,000*l.* towards repair of his Highness's houses. Next after this, Col. Alex. Blake be paid for Gen. Robt. Blake 3,815*l.* 16*s.* on his Highness's privy seal, on an order of Parliament.

13. Sydenham, Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Lord Deputy, Lisle, Strickland, Mulgrave, and Skippon, to consider the whole affair of public money, particularly the payment of his Highness's household expenses, and Council's contingencies, the payment of public officers, and the allotment of the revenue to the army and navy, and how the 300,000*l.* for Government charges may best be raised, and to report.

14. Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Sydenham, Lord Deputy, Lisle, Mulgrave, Skippon, and Rous, to learn the case of the Dutch ship Morning Star, now at Milford Haven, to send for Dr. Walker, examine the fact, and report their advice as to what should be done. To meet at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

15. Order on report of the Committee of Council on the case of Margaret, late wife of Col. John Venn, deceased, and now wife of Mr. Wells, a minister, concerning 4,000*l.* to be paid to Venn by order of Parliament of 8 March 1647–48, for arrears, &c., whereof but 2,397*l.* 1*s.* has been paid,—to advise his Highness to recommend Parliament to consider the matter at their next sitting, and do what they find meet for her relief.

17. Order on the paper entitled "A brief and exact account of Col. Pat. Hayes' pretensions against the Town and Senate of Hamburg," on which letters of reprisal are asked against the city—that the Committee of Council on the Morning Star business consider the paper, consult the civilians, read the Hamburg Resident's letters about his dealings with the Senate, and report their advice. The Admiralty Judges and Advocate to meet the said Committee to-morrow.

18. The Irish Committee to consider the petition and papers of Vincent Gooking, and report.

19. An order concerning issuing the assessment of 60,000*l.* a month for 3 months, from 25 March 1657, read and approved, and to be offered to his Highness.

20. Order on consideration of the method appointed for bringing in and disposing of the assessments for pay of forces, and their need for present supply,—it appearing that part of the assessments should go to the pay of the forces in the counties where they are raised, and cannot be removed to Guildhall without prejudice—that the Army Committee proceed in assigning the assessment of 25 March–June 24,

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as seems to them best; that the receivers-general in the several counties obey all their orders, and for warrants which they send in of money paid to the forces, they shall receive discharge as for ready money from the said receivers of the whole assessment, who shall remit all cash they receive towards the 180,000*l.* ordered them by his Highness's warrant, to the War Treasurers, John Backwell, jun., and Rich. Deane, who on receiving in from the assessment receivers-general, shall obtain discharge for it by tally, &c., and pay it into the Exchequer. Approved.

21. Lord Broody and James de Rumpell to be recommended to his Highness as fit to be judges in Scotland.

22. The Committee on Revenue business to consider from whence Geo. Alkinton may be paid for a jewel for Gen. Blake, of 4 diamonds, case, fashion, and his Highness's portrait, costing 565*l.*, beside his care in buying the diamonds.

23. The petition of Joshua French, a soldier of the county troop of Durham, concerning his being assaulted by Thomas and Wm. Marley, on return from the Rendezvous where he had been doing his duty, and their proceedings against him, apprehending him on warrant from Justice Raw, when he was put in Durham gaol and bound to good behaviour; and that though the said Marleys were, on representation of gentlemen to whom his Highness referred the case, summoned to appear before Council, they have not done so—referred to the sheriff of Durham, Capt. Gore, and Aldermen Johnson and Jordan, to learn the rights of the case, and give French satisfaction if practicable, and if not, to report.

25. On petition of Walter Knox—that being first major and after colonel of a Scotch regiment in Ireland, he was in 1648 instrumental in keeping it from joining the Scotch forces brought from Ireland to invade England, under the Duke of Hamilton, for which being declared no longer members of the Scotch army in Ireland, they joined Gen. Monk, and performed various services, especially in opposing forces which after the defeat at Preston were brought back to Ireland under Lieut.-Gen. Munroe, for which it was ordered by Parliament that they should be provided for as other regiments serving Parliament; also naming his own sufferings and losses in Ireland and Scotland, to the exhausting of his estate in the Parliament's service, and that he is in arrear for 8 years' pay—order that the Worcester House Committee state his account for arrears, and report.

26. Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Lord Deputy, Lisle, Strickland, Skippon, and Mulgrave, to consider what power Council has to order payment of arrears, and report.

27. The Committee for Redemption of Captives having on 13 Jan. 1656–57 recommended the payment to Thos. Warren, merchant, of 416*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, disbursed by him for redemption of 7 captives from Sally, on report of the Committee to whom the case was referred—order that the Commissioners of Customs pay the money out of the ½ per cent. [Algiers duty] imposed by Parliament

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for redeeming captives taken by Turkish, Moorish, and other pirates. Approved 4 Aug.

28. The report of the Committe of Council to whom the Dutch ship Cat of Horne was referred, read.

29. On petition of Wm. Goodson, that he went to sea on the American expedition as Vice-Admiral to the Fleet, with the pay of 30*s.* a day, and in March 1654, on the arrival of the fleet in Barbadoes, received a commission to be colonel of a regiment of seamen, and therefore had to furnish himself for it there with horse, &c., at great expense; that at St. Domingo he served in that capacity, and that on Gen. Penn's departure he was left sole commander of the fleet in those parts, and soon received his commission as commander-in-chief of the fleet, but with no intimation of what pay he was to have; that his duties there caused him great expense, *viz.*, between 300*l.* and 400*l.*, and that various sums are due to him and his servants for their share of prize money—order that the Admiralty Commissioners consider what his allowance should have been, and report.

30. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders of this day. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 14–21.]

July 22. Ordnance Office. **102.** Ordnance officers to the Admiralty Commissioners. The powder makers have contracted to deliver powder into the stores at the Tower, but they demur to carrying any of it to Windsor Castle until proved, and the proof barrels laid up in the Tower, when they offer to remove it to Windsor at 7*d.* a barrel. We have considered the most effectual means to prevent hazard to the stores, which we apprehend was your object in sending the order, and are convinced that if the coopers' opening, heading up, and proving of powder is the only thing suspected of hazard, if that were removed to another place, even though all the stores of powder in England were housed in the Tower, it could not be exposed to hazard. Orders should be given to the powder makers to do as directed by the Ordnance officers, and at their charge, to send to the powder house in the Old Artillery Ground 40 barrels a day for proving, which being done and headed up, may at a small charge to the State be drawn into the Tower, and lodged there for service. [1 *page.*]

July 22. August 1. Brussels. Sir Geo. Lane to [Sec. Nicholas]. A violent indisposition and dispatch in getting in his Majesty's money prevented my early thanking you for yours of the 23rd. I am very sensible of your kindness. I send you the warrants presented by my Lord Lieutenant for his Majesty's signature. When you have attested them, commend them to Heath, who will, I think, oblige me in expediting his part. There is a clause in the late King's letter omitted in all the warrants, viz., that the offices are to be for life. Also in that of clerk of Parliament you call it "clerk of our Upper House of Parliament," instead of "clerk of our Parliaments in the Upper House." If this be important, Mr. Heath, by virtue of the latitude given him, might alter it without troubling you further, but these scruples may be of no importance.

Thanks for your caution about Sir Wm. Usher and Sir Paul Davys; both were alive lately, I cannot tell whether they are now,

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but must depend on the King's graciousness to effectuate his good intentions, in case the grants happen to be invalidated. Yesterday was the first of my stirring abroad, so that I could not speak to my Lord-Lieutenant about the order for Mr. Fox, which I received from his Excellency, and delivered Fox last night. His Excellency has written you himself about the arrears of his Majesty's allowance. He is much concerned for you, and will do you all the service in his power.

P.S. The order for your 50*l.* was dated July 29. When you have perused the enclosed print, whereof Count Salazar has sent many copies into the French army, you will believe I had no hand in it, though he had my name set to it, wherewith his Majesty is much displeased, as he has reason. Endorsed by Nicholas "R. 3rd, Sir Geo. Lane, concerning his patents for some alterations; touching the King's order for my payment." [4 *pages. Flanders correspondence.*]

[July 23.] **103.** Customs' Commissioners to the Protector. Several merchants have lately requested leave to export saltpetre, pretending that by the late Act of Parliament free leave is granted for export of merchandize, and that no prohibition is now in force; but we have refused to allow this, because by a Council order of July 11 1656, we are not to admit entries of saltpetre, or to suffer any part of what was lately brought from the East Indies to be exported, on any pretence. Therefore we wish to know whether this prohibition is to be continued. 17 July. [¾ *pages.*]

July 23. Whitehall. **104.** Reference thereon by Council to the Admiralty Commissioners. [½ *page, I.* 78, *p.* 29.]

July 23. **105.** Petition of Maurice Thomson and company to the Protector. Have a factory at Patana, 500 miles up the Ganges, and have imported quantities of saltpetre for the State, and exported it to France, Sweden, Hamburg, Holland, Italy, and Venice, increasing trade thereby, and aiming to make London the chief magazine in Europe for it, but though the State is well furnished, the Customs' Commissioners will not let it go without an order. Beg leave to ship it as formerly, having paid custom inwards. [1 *page.*]

July 23. Whitehall. **106.** Reference thereon by Council to the Admiralty Commissioners. [½ *page, I.* 78, *p.* 29.]

July 23. **107.** Petition of Rob. Tutchin, minister at Newport, Isle of Wight, to the Protector. Wm. Hayles, our parish clerk and registrar, being notoriously scandalous, I endeavoured to remove him, and in 1656 procured the then mayor and divers of the corporation to eject him, and they elected John Ledger, a pious and godly man; but through the malignancy of some in power, Hayles is kept in as clerk, which much obstructs reformation. I beg his removal, and Ledger's establishment. [⅔ *page.*]

July 23. Pres. Lawrence to [Moses Read] Mayor, and the magistrates of Newport. Your minister having a right to the appointment of a parish clerk, we require you to take an effectual course to oust

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Hayles, as by law you ought to do, if the matters charged be true, and establish Ledger, or to show cause for Hayles' continuance. [*I.* 77, *p.* 975 ; *I.* 78, *p.* 30.]

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His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. Strickland, Skippon, Rous, Mulgrave, and Desborow to receive from the Ministers to whom the dispute in the French Church was referred their report, and then to give their opinion to Council.

2, 3. **108.** The petition of Oliver Fitzwilliam, Viscount Fitzwilliam of Merion to the Protector, read, and referred to Desborow, Sydenham, Skippon, Strickland, and Pickering, to report.

4. If necessary, the said Committee is to write and ask the Council in Ireland what charge they have against Fitzwilliam.

5.* On petition of Sir Archebald Johnston, who was entrusted with the Records of Scotland, of the prejudice to that nation through long want of the registers, and on an order of Parliament of 9 September 1653, for the registers concerning private persons' rights, securities, and conveyances of land, &c., to be sent back to Scotland, and other orders of Council to like effect :—Order that all such now remaining in the Tower be accordingly sent to Edinburgh Castle, and kept in their proper room, and the Master of the Rolls, Sir Archibald Johnston Lord Wariston, and Gabriel Beck and Wm. Ryley are to distinguish between the public and private registers in the Tower, that the latter may be sent to Scotland.

6. A complaint that P. Blondeau is interrupted in the service entrusted to him of coining, by the pulling down of some of the rooms in Drury House in which he was to work, referred to the Lord-Deputy, Mulgrave, Skippon, Rous, Pickering, Mr. Secretary, Desborow, and Strickland, to enquire from Mr. Graves, the Drury House Trustees, and others, and report.

His Highness withdrew.

7. The certificates of Drs. Wright and Bates, made on order of July 16, read.

8. The Earl of Abercorn's petition read.

9. The America of London, with the Look Out pinnace, being bound on a voyage to the West Indies—order that the captain and officers have free liberty to trade in any places belonging to the enemy or otherwise, and return with their lading to England, without molestation, and that a warrant therefor be given them, on their giving security before the clerks of Council that the produce of their voyage shall be brought to England. Approved 4 August.

10. On report from the Committee on the report of Mr. Attorney and Solicitor General concerning the ballast business, that they find the office of ballasting ships has formerly been granted by patents, and in Statute 27 Hen. VIII. is noticed as an office, and has been granted by Kings and Queens of England to the Lord-Admiral, with power to name officers, and that a lease of the office was granted by the late King, in the 12th of his reign, at a rent of 466*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the first five years, and 1,000 marks afterwards,

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which rent was not paid, and the office neglected, wherefore the Earl of Warwick, who was made Lord-Admiral by both Houses in December 1648, granted the said office to Wm. Jessop for life in all due form; therefore the said Committee are of opinion that, on Jessop's surrender of his patent for the said office, the former claimants having also agreed to surrender, a lease of it should be granted to Geo. Boreman, at rent of 1,000*l.*, with proviso that he impeach not the Conservancy of the Thames, or the rights of the City of London; and that the persons concerned may take ballast elsewhere if the office does not furnish them in time:—Order to advise a lease of the said office at rent of 1,000*l.* to Rich. Bury, Geo. Boreman, Thos. Lodington, and Oliver Williams.

11. To advise a grant to Jessop of an annuity of 200*l.* out of the profits of the above office, as a recompense when he yields up his title to it.

12. **109.** Order on report on Thos. Scott's demand [*see* 20 *January* 1657]—that he has a clear title to the ground on which the barge-houses, Lambeth, are built, and that the inheritance had better be purchased—that 80*l.* be paid Scott for the fee simple of the ground, that the Attorney-General prepare a conveyance of it to his Highness, and that the Admiralty Commissioners give a warrant for payment of the money. Approved 4 August. *Annexing,*

109. I. *Report of the Admiralty Commissioners alluded to, adding that Scott has been at great charge in building the houses, but that they judge* 80*l. more than the value of the ground before the building of the houses.* 16 *March* 1656–7. [1 *page.*]

109. II. [*Thos. Scott*] *to Sec. Thurloe. I think the ground whereon the barge houses are built worth* 100*l., but offered it for* 80*l. to the Navy Commissioners, which is less than the Goldsmiths' Company and a private person give me for adjacent ground. No change of power could lessen its value for barge houses, coal and timber yards, &c., and for other land bordering the Thames,* 4 *or* 5 *ft. broad and* 30 *ft. long, I get* 4*s. or* 5*s. a year. I hope after* 2 *years' attendance the State will not give me less than the* 100*l. which I could have of a private person.* [⅔ *page.*]

109. III. *Report by Att.-Gen. Prideaux that he has directed an assurance from Scott of the ground on which the barge houses are built at Lambeth, and caused a fine to be levied on him and his wife, so that for* 80*l. the ground is assured to his Highness.* 21 *October* 1657. [½ *page.*]

13. Approval of an order by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, for uniting the parishes of Woodawling, Thurning, and Gestwick, co. Norfolk, Woodawling church to be the meeting place, and the right of presentation to be exercised by the 3 patrons in turn. Approved by the Protector, 4 August.

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14. Approval of a like order for the union of Peter's, Cuthbert's and Mary's, Thetford, Norfolk, Peter's to be the meeting place. Approved by the Protector 4 August.

15. Approval of a like order for the union of Bidston St. Nicholas and Bidston St. Peter's and Slaughtenford, co. Wilts, Bidston St. Nicholas to be the meeting place. Approved by the Protector 4 August.

16. Approval of a like order for separating Shute church, co. Devon, from Culliton vicarage, the patron of Culliton presenting to Shute; the glebe lands, &c., belonging to Shute chapelry, to go to its support: out of 4*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* tenths payable, Culliton is to pay 2*l.* 14*s.* and Shute 1*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.*; and of first fruits, Culliton to pay 27*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* and Shute 13*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* Approved by the Protector 4 August.

17. Approval of a like order for the union of Somerford Keyns and Shorncutt, co. Wilts, Somerford Keyns church to be the meeting place. Approved by the Protector 4 August.

18. Approval of a like order for the union of Andrew's, Mary Whytton, and Nicholas, in Droitwich, co. Worcester, Andrew's to be the meeting place, the patron of Whytton to present the first 2 turns, the patron of Nicholas the next 2 turns, and the patron of Andrew's the fifth turn. Approved by the Protector 4 August.

19. Approval of augmentations granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 11*l.* to the minister of Poorstock, co. Dorset, and 31*l.* to the minister of Caldecot, co. Rutland. Approved by the Protector 4 August.

20. A demand on behalf of Stephen Pound, for 22*l.* 9*s.* 1*d.* balance unpaid of 41*l.* due for his service in the reduction of Jersey, and a request for the remains of the hull of the Pelican frigate in Portsmouth harbour, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners. Approved 4 August.

23. The petition of Col. John Carter, Governor of Conway, and a report of Sir John Reynolds and other army officers, that at least 40 soldiers beside officers are wanted for the garrison there, and his Highness's reference thereon to Council, to order the raising of the soldiers and appointing the officers accordingly, and place them on the establishment, referred to the Committee constituted on Tuesday last, to consider of all matters relating to revenue.

24. **110.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order provision of coats for his Highness's watermen, and a livery for the masters of barges, of grey cloth, with his Highness's arms for a badge, and to report the cost, that order may be taken for payment.

26. On petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and inhabitants of Macclesfield, co. Chester, shewing that in 3 James, 50*l.* a year from the revenue of the county was granted to the Mayor, to support a minister for Macclesfield and the villages in the forest, which has not been paid since 1653, when the said revenue was disposed of another way, and that the town and villages are in an inappropriate parish, and many of the people live miles from the place

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of public assembly:—Order that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers be advised to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* a year instead of this stipend. Approved 4 August.

28. On petition of Mary Cosins, shewing that her father, Dr. Cosins, had his estates and offices sequestered, and himself forced to fly beyond sea, leaving herself and 4 sisters unprovided for, and that for their support, his Highness and Council ordered Dr. Cosins' library at Peterhouse, Cambridge, to be allowed them, but Dr. Seaman, master of the college, interposing, the library was retained for the use of the students, and Council was to consider of a fit recompense for them, but no order has been given:—Order that Scobell and Jessop, clerks of Council, speak with Dr. Seaman about the value of the library, how the college became possessed of it, and how they should give satisfaction for it, and report.

29. Approval of an order by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, for union of Ranworth and Pauxforth parishes, co. Norfolk, Ranworth to be the meeting place, and the patronage to alternate. Approved 4 August.

30. Approval of a like order for uniting Hilderston and Woodnorton, co. Norfolk, Hilderston to be the meeting place, the patronage to alternate. Approved by the Protector 4 August.

31. Approval of a like order for union of Barrow and Brampton, co. Norfolk, Barrow to be the meeting place, and the patronage to alternate. Approved by the Protector 4 August. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 21–33.]

July 23. Aug. 2. Angers. **111.** J. White, prior of the congregation of the Orators of Jesus Christ, to Williamson. I cannot thank you proportionably for your services, but I write these lines in English to assure you of my cordial affection to serve you. I hope soon to see you here.

P.S.—Tell Mr. Leigh I hope to have his company next year; he cannot go to Italy because of the plague. [1 *page.*]

July 23. Aug. 2. London. ——— to John Franklin, English merchant, Paris. I will take order about your watch, the rascal pawned it for 5*l.*, more than it is worth. General Montague has gone to sea with a large fleet, some say to the Baltic. The Duke of Buckingham has put his business into a better posture, and will do something, but not so well as was believed on his first appearance in public. The Protector has sold Newhall to Powell. Lord Lambert, Sir G. Pickering, and others of the Council refuse to take the oath. Lambert has thrown up his commission, and left Whitehall and all public employment. [⅔ *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

July 23. Aug. 2. London. The same to Mr. Fontaine, at Mdme. Robin's, St. Germain en Laye. I have had great afflictions and great deliverances. Sailing from Dieppe, I was taken by a Dunkirk man-of-war, but the governor of Dieppe manned 2 shallops and pursued, and came so near him that, having pillaged us, he quitted us and our vessel, and saved himself in the darkness of the night. [½ *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

July 24. Aug. 3. J. R——— to Col. Whitley, at Adam Spencer's, English Merchant, Bruges. Yours of 21 July came too slow. Lord Gerard

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gave it me. I hope you are satisfied about the cypher you wrote for, and find it in your good lady's hand at Bruges. If it has miscarried, send me one from Brussels. I will give your friend the message. There should not be misunderstandings with those that love one another.

P.S.—My service to your lady and my little cousins. I will send J. Floyd his fortifying book. Cromwell sent to Lambert for his commission; he surrendered it very calmly, with protestations that he desired nothing more than to lead a retired life at his own house. They make diligent inquisition, according to the late Act, for persons who live plentifully without visible fortunes. The Papists are frighted with another severe Act, which presses the Oath of Abjuration, and on refusal, $\frac{2}{3}$ of their estates are to be seized. [1 *page, French correspondence.*]

July 26. Aug. 5. Nones Aug. Anjou.

112. John Chetard to Williamson. Thanks for your letter, but you do not name Dr. Faber in it. Thanks for your elegant gifts to me and others. I shall have to go to Paris in 10 days. [1 *page, Latin.*]

July 27. Aug. 6. Dunkirk.

113. Admiralty Judges of Dunkirk to the Admiralty Commissioners. We have considered what you wrote on the subject of the criminal process against Antoine Garcia, a prisoner taken at sea, and desire you to believe that it is not our intention, nor ever was, to hinder the administration of justice upon the fact imputed to him, but only to request that he may be heard and admitted to make his defence, and that such regard may be had as the law of nations requires. If the case happened as he alleges, and which is in conformity with the attestations presented to us, of which we send copies, there will be no cause found to use him as a guilty person, much less to condemn him for a homicide. [1 *page, French.*] *Annexing,*

113. I. *Attestation of Capt. Jacques du Gardin, Anth. Colen, pilot, and Ant. Van de Boone, master of the St. Nicolas, a Spanish man-of-war, that meeting with an English hoy, they made ready to board her, and in joining together, a seaman hit unawares the trigger of Garcia's gun, which went off and wounded two of the men belonging to the hoy, one of whom afterwards died; that 5 or 6 days afterwards, they were taken by 2 English men-of-war, and, by reason of the above mischance, Garcia was held a criminal, and put in irons, amongst condemned prisoners. York Prison, 7 July* 1657. [1 *page, French, copy.*]

113. II. *An English merchant to a merchant at Dunkirk. I want you to save the life of a poor Spaniard, who is charged with the death of an Englishman. Unless done by* 25 *July, he will be in great danger; yet, as far as I can understand, it would be against justice, for he is innocent.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page, Dutch, copy.*]

113. III. *Antoine Garcia to his wife. To like effect with the two preceding. The best words that I hear from my gaoler are that I must be hanged. Help me, or this will be my*

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last letter. I am bare, and have nothing to pay the carriage of your letter if you write to me. [1 *page, French, copy.*]

July 27. Aug. 6. **114.** I.–III. English translations of the above letters. [4 *papers.*]

July 27. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the President and Council in Scotland. A report from the Committee on the Earl of Tweedale's petition shows that he, having in possession some part of Charles, Earl of Dunfermline's estate on a mortgage, was sued by the Exchequer Commissioners in Scotland for various feu and blanch duties payable from the estate some years before he meddled with it; and he desires that a precept granted by the late King to the Earl of Dunfermline of 18 Dec. 1646, for payment of 600*l.* to him out of the revenue of Scotland may be allowed on account for the arrears of the said duties.

We refer the case to you for consideration and advice. [*I.*, 77, *p.* 974.] *Annexing,*

115. *Report alluded to, noting the grant by the late King to the Earl of Dunfermline of the feu and blanch duties, 18 Dec. 1646, and a grant also of 600l. out of the first rents in Scotland, for his attendance at the St. Andrew's assembly.* [1 *page.*]

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1. Sir G. Pickering took the Counsellor's oath before the Lord President and Desborow.

2. **116.** Order on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners—that orders have been sent recalling Gen. Blake with some ships from the coast of Spain, but they know not what number are to continue abroad, and the time of their victuals will shortly expire,—that 3 months' victuals be sent away for such number of men as are to remain. Approved 4 August. *Annexing,*

116. I. *Report alluded to, 24 July 1657.* [½ *page.*]

4. Order on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Maurice Thompson, that he have liberty to export 50 tons of saltpetre, and that the Customs' Commissioners permit the same. *Annexing,*

117. *Report alluded to, recommending the permission, as the petitioner has lately imported much saltpetre from the East Indies, out of which he has engaged to supply the State's needs at reasonable terms. 28 July 1657.* [⅔ *page.*]

5. Order on report of the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Robert Browne, merchant, that the Customs Commissioners allow him to export 30 tons of saltpetre.

6. The restraint ordered on July 11, 1656, enjoining Customs' Commissioners not to allow export of saltpetre, to be taken off till further notice. Approved 4 August.

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7. Order on report from the Committee on Oliver Viscount Fitzwilliams' petition, that before further proceedings be taken, a copy of the petition be sent to the Council in Ireland, with a request to transmit to Council all matters lying before them which concern the petitioner.

8. The report from the Treasury Commissioners of 27 May 1656, on a reference of 25 December 1655, on the petition of Richard, Earl of Cork, and his lady, recommending that in respect of the goods taken from him, he be discharged from prosecution on the Yorkshire engagement for 500*l.*, not agreed with.

9. Rich. Sydenham and Robt. Bowes added to the Committee on American affairs appointed 15 July last; they are to consider the state of officers and soldiers serving in Jamaica, and on conference with their wives, to report some means whereby they may be enabled to go to their husbands, or support themselve at home without further charge to the State; also to consider taking off further payments to soldiers' assignees; also what is due to widows and children of soldiers who died in that service, and how they may be paid.

10. Order on Desborow's report from the Committee on the votes of Parliament concerning Public faith, that Maj.-Gen. Goffe, Cols. Cowper, Clerk, and Zanchy, Messrs. Cressett, Wilcox, Cresswell, Scobell, and Jessop prepare instructions to the County Commissioners for ascertaining the Public faith, in pursuance of the votes of Parliament, and offer them to Council.

11. That they also prepare instructions for a Committee to be appointed in London, to whom country returns are to be made for perfecting the account, with directions for better prevention of fraud.

12. Mr. Attorney-General to prepare a draft commission for the several counties, for Commissioners to examine debts due on Public faith, and to execute instructions annexed to the commission.

13. The Treasurers for sale of Bishops, Deans and Chapters' lands, fee-farm rents, and delinquents' estates, to have lists made of all such Public Faith Bills, except for soldiers' arrears, as have been doubled on the credit of the Acts for sale of the premises, with the names of those to whom the bills were given and by whom, with dates and counties, reducing them into alphabetical order under each county where they were given, and return the list to those in London appointed to receive the Public faith returns.

14. The same Committee to consider fit persons to be named commissioners in the several counties and cities, and to report.

15. Approval of augmentations granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 15*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* to John Turner, Sunbury, Middlesex; and 17*l.* to the minister of Woodland, co. Devon. Approved by the Protector 4 August.

16. The Commissioners for Redemption of Captives certifying that they formerly ordered the Commissioners of Customs, out of

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5,000*l.* lent by them in 1653 to Rich. Hutchinson to be repaid, to pay 1,600*l.* to Eliz. Bagnall, sister of and administratrix to Edm. Casson, appointed by Parliament in 1646 agent for redemption of captives in Algiers, in satisfaction of 150*l.* due to him on balance of his account for 37,325*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* charged on him by the State for that use, and for his service in that employment; also to pay 400*l.* to Rich. Casson, employed under him, for service; but the Customs' Commissioners stating reasons why they are not empowered to pay the money, it was referred to a Committee of Council to consider and consult with M.P.s how the money due to Mrs. Bagnall and Casson should be paid:—Order on their report that the Commissioners of Customs pay the said sums out of moneys arising from Algiers duties. Approved 4 August.

17. A letter from the Scotch Council of 16 July, reported by the Secretary, with several lists of sheriffs, commissaries, and justices of peace for shires in Scotland, and a declaration from the Council concerning election of magistrates, referred to the Committee on Scotch affairs, to report.

18. On report from the Committee on Martha Arundel's petition, that Major David Thorne robbed her of some plate on her coming to Dublin, and she and her husband, George Arundel, obtained a decree against him in the Dublin Court for administration of Justice in July 1655 for 80*l.*, with 6*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* for costs of suit; that the cause was removed by *certiorari* into the Chancery Court; and a writ of *seire facias* issued against Thorne to show cause why the decree should not be executed against him; that he replied by shewing in the Chancery Court articles dated 12 June 1651, given him by Sir Theop. Jones, that he had been received into the protection of the Commonwealth, and could not be sued for any act committed since the beginning of the rebellion, murder and massacre excepted; on which Articles the Court indemnified him, and dismissed the suit, whereon Martha Arundel appealed to Parliament, it not appearing that the said Articles, being in the nature of a protection, bar the petitioner from relief in a private action:—Order that a letter be sent to the Lord-Deputy and Council of Ireland, to cause Thorne to pay her the 80*l.* and 6*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* costs. Approved 4 August. With the letter accordingly, 6 August. [*I.* 75, *p.* 977.]

19. Order that Frost pay her 10*l.* for present support, out of Council's contingencies.

20. On petition of Hester, widow of Dr. Bethune, and certificate from John Swinton and Sam. Disborow, 2 members of Council in Scotland, made on reference of 16 December last, that in 1631, the late King, with consent of the Lords of Exchequer in Scotland, confirmed an assignment made by Sir James Scott of Rossey to Dr. Bethune of a pension granted to Scott of all the fermes, feu-mailes, claims, customs, and duties of the land of King's Barnes in the shreifdome of Fife, extending yearly to 20 chaldrons of victual wheat and barley, 48*l.* Scots money, and 100 capons, for which Bethune paid Scott a certain sum; also that the said King, under Privy Seal of 20 July 1631, granted the same amount to the Bethunes, for

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Dr. Bethune's good service as physician to himself and his father; which grant was confirmed by the Parliament of Scotland in 1633; wherefore the Committee think that, although in the Act of Pardon, &c., to the people of Scotland, all illegal grants of the late King's were excepted, yet as this was confirmed by Parliament, it should be restored to the petitioners;—Order that the Council in Scotland be requested to examine the matter, and see that justice is done. Approved 4 August. With the letter accordingly. 6 August. [*I.* 77, *p.* 976.]

21. Order on report on Phil. Meadows' paper about the 50,000*l.* of Portugal money, that of the 600*l.* part thereof in Mr. Bird's hands, Bird be allowed 300*l.* for receiving 20,000*l.* of the said money, and that the residue be paid to Gen. Blake, or the commander of the fleet there, on account for the service. Approved 4 August. *Annexing,*

118. *Report alluded to, not signed.* [1 *page.*]

22. The petition of Fras. Cradock, merchant, for allowance in a future entry of 390*l.* paid by him for customs and freight of a parcel of French prize wines bought at Foy, and brought to Bristol, which proved defective and not worth the duty, notwithstanding which, he having entered them in the Custom House after breaking bulk, had to pay 250*l.* duty, and become bound in 500*l.* to pay the excise or transport them, which he accordingly did to Virginia, and paid 140*l.* more for freight, after which they proved worth nothing, to his loss of 1,000*l.*:—referred to the Customs and Excise Commissioners to report,

25. Sydenham, Strickland, Jones, Desborow, Mr. Secretary, and Pickering, to consider Edw. Backwell's note of charges for his Highness's sceptre of 650*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, and where it may be charged, and report,

26. The Piedmont Committee having advised that 1,000*l.* be sent for relief of the poor Protestants—order that Sir Thos. Vyner and Sir Chris. Pack, treasurers of the moneys collected for them, pay 1,000*l.* to Mr. Moreland, who is to remit it in the safest way for their present support. Approved 4 August.

27. Order that they also pay Moreland 200*l.* more for services performed about the affairs of the said Protestants, *viz.*:—

Mr. D'Ize, of Grenoble - - -	£80
Mr. Leger, Geneva - - -	50
Mr. Colladon, „ - - -	30
Mr. Leger, of the Valleys - - -	40

Approved 4 August.

29. In the case of Edw. Randall, of Enfield, Middlesex [*see* 26 *May* 1657], it appearing that Colonel Methall, an officer under the late King, charged Captain Edw. Story with matters relating to the public peace; that Story, wishing a full vindication, communicated with a justice of peace, and yet (pretensively only, as he affirms) offered money to Edw. Knevett and Randall to suppress the information,

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and then endeavoured to involve them in the crime of combining to defraud him, though Randall knew nothing of the treaty till it was agreed on between Story and Knevett, and then did nothing but by instruction from the Maj.-General of Middlesex who employed him, and therefore should not have been molested by Story, and that Knevett had only the public good in view:—Order that the fines imposed on Randall and Knevett by the Court of Sessions be remitted, so far as the Commonwealth is concerned. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 33–45.] *Annexing,*

119. *Detailed Report upon the case.* 30 *May* 1657. [2½ *pages.*]

119. I. *Certificate by Sir John Barkstead, and* 3 *other justices of peace present at the trial, that nothing was proved by Story against Randall and Knevett.* 10 *June* 1657. [¾ *page.*]

119. II. *Deposition of Thos. Munns, of Enfield, that Randall had once named Story as fit for a justice of peace, but in* 1656, *said there was information against him as aiding the late King, but he was trying to suppress it by tendering money, &c.* 27 *December* 1657. [1 *page.*]

July 28. August 7. Blois. **120.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. I am sent for into England by my father. If you intend to make the tour within a month, Mr. Ball and I would be glad to accompany you and Mr. Leigh. We should like to start $\frac{1}{20}$ September. Tell me what the cost will be. [1 *page. French.*]

July 29. **121.** E. Low. [Elizabeth, Lady Lowther] to [Jos. Williamson]. I received your's of the 3rd inst., implying that mine in answer to yours never came to hand, in which I fully satisfied your desires in declaring my wish and my brother's, that my son must be limited to within the compass of 200*l.* a year, and your 60*l.*, in all 260*l.*, the full that can be allowed him, and more than his estate now amounts to, as my brother professes to me, and it were high indiscretion in us to increase his debts in his minority, which it will behove him all his life to study to lessen and not enlarge, and this would be an ill foundation for it, and utterly inexcusable in us.

I aim not at high breeding, but knowledge for him, and first to begin to know himself; it is but folly to dispute impossibilities, or to think of them. I wonder at your misconstruction formerly, for I fully mistook you and you me; if all he has will not allow him to travel, I am satisfied, though I have known others do it with much less, and make better use of their travels than I yet think him capable of, especially to Italy, which I am very much against in regard of their late pestilence, his feverish disposition of body, and otherwise too much propensity to that nation's distemper. I did not send him abroad so much to learn vanity as to be out of danger of vice, which is supported by gentlemen's fortunes, though but in expectation, where they are known; they are not so abroad, and this shall make us punctual in returning money before it be due, to be governed by your discretion, according to the limitation, which being of necessity cannot be disputed. I shall order his coming home as

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you shall desire, if these bounds cannot be kept, and he reasonably advantaged by his travels. I mean not to teach him to live high, but to know much, and himself, and his shattered fortunes most. I aim not at his being a statesman; his years, I know, cannot comprehend those mysteries, but to know prudently how to demean himself in any state, and to find content in himself and studies, though his fortune be low and troubled. [1 *page.*]

July 29. Aug. 8. Brussels. Sec. Geo. Lane to [Sec. Nicholas]. Thanks for your pains in discoursing with Mr. Heath about my warrants. His objections are so material that I cannot answer them, but some of them being reversions, and the parties yet living, they should be passed as best may be during the lives of the present patentees, and then on the King's restoration (till which I shall enjoy no benefit of them) if they are invalid for want of materials not to be had on this side the water, I am confident his Majesty will accept their surrender, and have effectual ones passed. Therefore intreat Heath to draw them in Latin, as usual, with a *non obstante* that they are to be effectual in spite of defects owing to his absence from his kingdoms, making this addition when you present them for signature. There is a fee to each office, and you remember that the clerk of Parliament in England had 40*l.* a year. I suppose the same was allowed in Ireland; but if Heath does not think fit to put in a general claim for the annuity, as well as the fees, there should be a blank for the sum, to be inserted by his Majesty, in whose presence only the patents can be sealed. Meanwhile I will procure the best possible information on those particulars.

The report about the Duke of York is affirmed here to be true, that the abbey near la Fère was summoned, and rendered to him by 150 English, who kneeled and asked his pardon, and have engaged in his Majesty's service.

I shall tell the Lord Lieutenant what you wrote about the cypher. Mr. Motett went yesterday to the army near Mobeuse, and hopes soon to get his business concluded; the King is much concerned in it, both in point of honour and money.

I wish Mrs. Cross would leave her house, that it might be taken for the Lord Lieutenant and myself, as he desired. It were happy for the King's servants if he would foresee where to fix himself next winter, that everyone might provide for his settlement.

P.S.—Let me have your opinion concerning the print. Noted as received the 11th. [4 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

July 30. Whitehall. Sec. Thurloe to Ambassador Lockhart. The army officers about town have had 2 or 3 meetings, 70 of them, to discourse amongst themselves, and to seek God about the present affairs. A better spirit appeared amongst them, and not a discontented expression fell from them, but the contrary, so that there is little doubt but the army will stick to his Highness in all events. [*Extract, French, correspondence.*]

July 30. Sec. Thurloe to [——— Swift ?]. Since Lord Lambert's quitting his commission in the army, and my Lord Deputy's taking it, nothing has fallen out of note here.

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The army is in a quiet condition and temper. Yesterday the officers about town, 70 in number, had a meeting to discourse on present affairs, and to seek God, and there appeared amongst them a most excellent spirit, all who spoke expressing great satisfaction, and much affection to his Highness and his family, so that men think they are fixed to his Highness at all events.

We have apprehended the grand traitor, Col. Sexby, as he was going to the Low Countries.

Yesterday Lord Richard [Cromwell] was installed Chancellor of [Oxford] University. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

July 31. **122.** Zach. Crofton to John Simpson, White Alley, Coleman Street. If the order by which you invaded my church gave you any power, the late revolution has made it void. The Protector having taken to his sword a sceptre, and sworn to govern according to law, it is my duty to know and re-enjoy my own interest as legal incumbent of the place. I am resolved to return on Lord's Day afternoon, 2nd August, and preach between 1 and 2 p.m. at my own church, and therefore desire you to cease your future pains there, and to signify this to your friends, that we may have no disturbance. If you consider you have any right to the place, commence an action in any court of jurisdiction. [¾ *page.*]

July 31. Queen's College. **123.** J. Lamplugh to Williamson. Tell me when you intend for England, and whether meantime you steer for Italy or yet reside in France. At our last convocation, 20 July, Lord Rich. Cromwell was elected Chancellor, and you were created M.A. This the Provost confirmed handsomely and without noise. He proposed it in the House, and it was unanimously granted. College news. Young Whorwood is returned home. Your books are safe in my chamber. [⅔ *page.*]

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Aug. 3. Plymouth. **1.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. Details of the repairs and refitting of the Mayflower and other ships.

The Gainsborough has brought in a small vessel of Minehead, of 3 guns, which had been taken by Brett, an Irishman, off Milford, who was sending her for Passage. She was retaken between Scilly and Ushant, and her former master, 2 of his company, and 5 of the pirates were in her. Brett has taken 7 vessels, 6 of which he sold to the masters again, and one, laden with corn, he sent for Spain.

P.S. I am informed by Barth. Taylor, late master of a ship of London, who was taken 5 weeks since by a Dunkirk man-of-war when coming from Lisbon with sugar, and carried into Passage, which man-of-war was formally commanded by one Snip and now by Copeman—the former having gone to the Groyne to fit out a man-of-war from thence—that when he came from Passage on his parole,

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3 weeks since, there were the following frigates fitting out there, viz: Copeman in one of 36 guns, Swart in one of 22, Beach in one of 13, and Spragg in one of 12, besides two smaller; and at St. Sebastian's a new frigate of 20, another of 10, another of 8, and 2 of 12 guns each, and that all, or the most part of these, are now at sea.

I suppose the greater part of these may ply off the Northern Cape, and the rest in the Soundings, mouth of the Channel, and coasts of Ireland and France, and therefore I could wish there were some more frigates to the westward, to secure trade and look after these men-of-war. [3 *pages.*]

Aug. 4. **2.** Petition of Sutton Oglethorpe, of Eskrigg, co. York, and of Frances, his wife, to the Protector. Our son Sutton, then 16 years old, went in March 1654 without leave with a servant, Geo. Blith, to a meeting at Hessam Moor, co. York, for which he was many weeks in York Castle, many weeks in Hull Castle, and in May 1656, they were both banished the 3 nations.

We are in great sorrow for want of our son, our only comfort, and are likely to be damaged on account of a sale of entailed lands, conveyed to Hen. Fairfax, of Bolton Percy in 1651, under heavy bonds that our eldest son, when he came of age, should seal the deed. We beg that he and his servant may be pardoned, and allowed to return and live peaceably at home. [1 *sheet.*]

Aug. 4. Order thereon that the son be permitted to return, if Thurloe see no reason to the contrary, on bond to attempt nothing against the present government. Approved 4 August. [*I.* 78, *p.* 47.]

Aug. 4. **3.** Petition of Fras. Lewis to the Protector. After being many years minister of Brigstock, co. Northampton, I was sequestered 16 Aug. last by the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous and insufficient Ministers. I beg either that you would allow me to preach the Gospel, whereto I am called, or refer my case to the Major-General of the county, I promising obedience to the present government. With reference 20 May 1656 to the Major-General and Commissioners for securing the peace of the county, to inquire into his condition and conversation, and if there be no cause to the contrary, to stay proceedings against him till further order. [1 *page.*]

[Aug. 4.] **4.** Petition renewed, on their report that he should have liberty to preach. With reference to Privy Council, 17 June 1657. [1 *page.*]

[Aug. 4.] **5.** Petition of Fras. Lewis to the Protector and Privy Council, for a further order to preach, being presented to a benefice, and approved by the Committee for Preachers, but his admission suspended for an order. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 4. Order on this petition, and on a certificate from Maj.-Gen. Boteler, John Browne, and Rob. Gay,—that he was ejected in 1655 on articles of scandal, but has since given good testimony of godliness and reformation,—that he be allowed to minister in any other place, being approved by the Committee for Approbation of Preachers. Approved 14 August. [*I.* 78, *p.* 54.]

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His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. The petition of the ministers, elders, and deacons of the French congregation in London referred to the Committee appointed 23 July last on the differences about the church, to report.

2.* On complaint of interruption given to John Simpson, Mr. Crofton, the incumbent, and the churchwardens of Aldgate are enjoined to obey the order in Council of 10 Feb. 1656–7, permitting him to lecture there on Lord's Day afternoon and one week day, and they are to assist him therein.

3.* To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 100*l.* a year on John Shaw, pastor at Kingston-upon-Hull.

4. Lord Deputy, Mulgrave, Pickering, Rous, Skippon, Strickland, Desborow, Mr. Secretary, and Sydenham to consider persons fit to be added to the Committee for ejecting scandalous Ministers in the several counties and cities of the nation, and present them to Council.

5. The above Committee to summon Mr. Crafton, minister of Aldgate, and examine him about his contempt of his Highness's order concerning John Simpson's preaching at Aldgate, and to report.

6. A letter to be prepared from his Highness and Council, empowering the Committee for ejecting scandalous Ministers to execute the Ordinance thereon effectually and speedily.

7. The petition of the master, wardens, and company of Vintners of London and Westminster read and debated, and the petitioners called in; but as they pray his Highness's dispensation to sell until January next their present stores of wine at the usual rate, notwithstanding an Act of Parliament which was positive against it, Mr. Scobell must tell them that Council do not think fit to offer any advice to his Highness thereon.

8. The petition of Col. Geo. Crompton, for supply of ammunition and stores for his Highness's garrison of West Tilbury, in Essex, referred to Desborow, Skippon, Sydenham, and Lord Deputy, to report.

10. Order on report on the petition of Joanna Scott [*see* 20 *Jan.* 1656–7], that 20*l.* a year be paid her for life, and that a warrant be issued accordingly. *Annexing,*

6. *Report alluded to by the Treasury Commissioners, that on* 16 *April* 1652, 500*l. a year was allowed to Barth. Beale and Wm. Scott, petitioner's husband, as auditors of imprest, for themselves, clerks, and charges for* 3 *years; that the office was granted* 28 *Nov.* 1656 *to Abr. Barrington; that the last payment to Scott was for the quarter ending* 24 *June* 1655, *but he did the work till Sept.* 1656, *when she pleads that* 625*l. was due to him, but Scott had no appointment to the office beyond the three years.* 1 *May* 1657. [1 *page.*]

11. Rous added to the Committee on Sir Job Harby's petition.

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12. The Serjeant-at-arms to receive into his custody Wm. Astley and Charles Gifford, who having received commissions from the late King of Scotland for raising forces here, are now imprisoned at Shrewsbury Castle; the Lord Deputy of Ireland is to appoint a party of horse to guard them to London, and they are to be brought before Council, to be disposed of according to justice.

13. Like order concerning Mr. Allison.

15. 400*l.* to be advanced to Maj.-Gen. Wm. Jephson, for the service of envoy extraordinary to the King of Sweden, to which he is appointed.

16. Desborow, Strickland, Mulgrave, Pickering, Mr. Secretary, and Sydenham to consider what further allowance should be made Jephson for the above service, and report.

17. Towards the 400*l.* ordered to Jephson, Desborow is to pay him the 360*l.* remaining in his hands for money received by him as Major General of Fairfax's regiment, and Lord Deputy, Strickland, Mr. Secretary, Sydenham, Mulgrave, and Pickering to receive Desborow's accounts, and see how best he may be discharged of the moneys he received as aforesaid.

18. Whereas by contract with Sir John Reynolds, Major Rob. Cobbett was to provide 6,000 red cloth coats at 9*s.* each for his soldiers, and 4 grey coats for the Marshal-General's men, at 5*l.* each, total cost 2,720*l.*, which are certified to be delivered,—order to advise a warrant for their payment, after the 3,000*l.* ordered to Col. John Carter.

19. Council being informed by John Maidstone that the expenses of his Highness's household have exceeded the allowance of 12,000*l.* a quarter, for payment of ½ of which he has had privy seals for 4,000*l.* and 2,000*l.*,—order to advise a warrant for payment of the other 6,000*l.* as soon as the other warrants are satisfied.

20. On report on the petition of Sheffield Stubbs [*see* 10 *Feb.* 1656–7],—that in Aug. 1651, Sir Rich. Mauleverer and 2 others became bound to Stubbs in 100*l.* for payment 17 Feb. 1651–2 of 52*l.*, and in Easter 1652, Stubbs obtained a judgment against Mauleverer for 100*l.* debt and 2*l.* damages,—that Sir Thos. Mauleverer, father of Sir Richard, dying, it was found by inquisition 6 Sept. 1655, that Richard, at the time of the judgment, held Allerton Mauleverer manor, &c., value 250*l.* a year, till the debt, with interest and charges, being 82*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*, was paid:—Order that Stubbs be left to recover his debt by law. Approved 14 August. *Annexing,*

7. *Report by the Treasury Commissioners alluded to, giving fuller details and depositions in the case.* 2 *June* 1657. [2 *pages.*]

21. On Mr. Secretary's informing Council of the state of the citadel of Leith in Scotland, now building, and Gen. Monk's proposal for defraying the charge and finishing it, since a good deal of money has already been spent on it, and Monk has lent Col. Timothy Wilkes 3,000*l.* out of Army contingencies for it, and still

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more money is necessary—Order, that the said 3,000*l.* as lent by Monk be considered as towards the citadel, and that he be not chargeable with it, and that all Excise money on ale or beer brewed in Edinburgh and Leith be applied to the above purpose till 24 June 1658, the Council in Scotland to take notice thereof. Approved 6 August.

22. The Council also to enquire what sums have been received on the orders of 23 March 1653–4, for an imposition of 4*d.* Scots per pint on ale and beer consumed in Edinburgh, to go to the debts of the Corporation, and how they have been applied, and a letter to be speedily written them to that effect. Approved 6 August.

23. **8.** The Ordnance officers of the Tower to deliver from the public stores 10 tons of match to Col. Tim. Wilkes, for use of the forces in Scotland. Approved 6 August.

His Highness present.

25.* On certificate from Colonels Bright, Bethel, Lassells, and Lieut.-Col. Elton, who were ordered 19 March last to view the decay of Hull garrison, of the fort and works about Kingston-upon-Hull garrison, with the charges thereof and of the blockhouses, amounting to 5,051*l.* 10*s.*,—order that the Army Committee pay Wm. Malyn, his Highness's secretary, 1,000*l.* for Army contingencies on account, for repair of the above, and he is to pay it to whoever is appointed to undertake the repairs.

26.* The Lord-Deputy, Sydenham, Mulgrave, Desborow, Strickland, and Mr. Secretary to consider a fit person to be employed in repairs of Hull garrison, and prepare instructions for him.

27.* Approval of an order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, granting Dr. Sam. Annesley 120*l.* a year for preaching a lecture on the Lord's Day afternoon in St. Paul's Cathedral.

28. Sec. Thurloe and Col. Sydenham added to the Committee on Mr. Blondeau's business.

29. The petition of Fras. Thompson referred to Wolsley, Jones, Desborow, Sydenham, Strickland, and Thurloe, to treat with him how the park mentioned may be repurchased for the State's use, and how he may be satisfied, and report.

30. Order—on report from Lord-Commissioner Widdrington, Rich. Lucy, and John Hildsley, the 3 referees on several petitions concerning the estate of Wm. Toones, a felon of himself—that Pickering, Desborow, Sydenham, Mr. Secretary, and Strickland consider the report, hear all claimants on the estate, and especially notice the Earl of Mulgrave's case, and report.

31.* Order that Col. Daniel, who in Maj.-Gen. Morgan's absence executed the functions of Major General of the Forces in Scotland, have 6*s.* a day allowed him for the time that he held the place; Gen. Monk to take order accordingly, and add the same to the establishment.

32. To advise his Highness to send Philip Meadows as his envoy to the King of Denmark.

33. Approval by the Protector of 27 orders, 21 July to 4 August. [*I.* 78, *p.* 45–59.]

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Aug. 4. **9.** Gen. Jno. Desborow and Secretary Jo. Thurloe to the Admiralty Commissioners, Being engaged to see Capt. Luddington, paid 1,000*l.* for some things he lately bought by his Highness's order, we earnestly desire you to direct your Treasurer to pay it him this week; we will take care to have it repaid with speed, and hope it will be within 10 days or a fortnight. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 4. York. **10.** Maj.-Gen. Rob. Lilburne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send Cornet Merry's account for the keep of the Dunkirk prisoners, which I believe to be correct. He was glad to borrow 40*l.*, which will all be disbursed on Thursday, so I hope you will not only pay the 50*l.* formerly mentioned, but be mindful of a further supply. If not, I do not perceive that anyone is free to engage further to supply them unless the money is deposited in safe hands for them.

As my regiment has orders to march for Scotland, I hope you will also take care that some soldiers are appointed for a guard over them, as they are ever and anon getting away, and the gaoler has been at a charge of 7*l.* in hiring men to watch them; there is so much trouble about them, and so little help and conveniency to secure them, that unless we have some foot to assist, I intend to meddle no more with them, nor will the gaoler receive any hereafter, without some special order from above. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 4. Hull. **11.** Lieut.-Col. Elton to the Admiralty Commissioners. There are yet at Ostend 3 prisoners—Wm. Crane, Jno. Day, and Jas. Elliker—who belonged to Jno. Hide, master of a ship of Hull, for whose release, as also for that of 7 of his men, you formerly wrote the Admiralty Judges of Ostend and Dunkirk, and obtained it. I am continually importuned by the wives of these 3 to write you to release Nicholas and Jno. Clayson and Wm. Bouger, Dunkirkers and common seamen, from York prison, and send them over, when the judges there have promised to release their husbands in exchange. They are so eager and so importunate with me, through their abundant tears, that they weary me out, so I entreat an order for the release of these 3 Dunkirkers from the prison at York.

The Princess Mary and the Half Moon called for the Eastland ships, but they had gone some days, and the 2 frigates sailed to-day. I accommodated them with two pilots for the north. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 6. **12.** Petition of Major John Grove, on behalf of Col. Fras. Hacker's horse regiment in Scotland, to the Protector. On 18 August 1656, the Treasurers-at-war gave me an acquittance for 825*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* to deliver to Wm. Jukes, receiver-general of monthly assessments, co. Salop, on his paying that sum to Col. Hacker, being part of the month's pay due to his regiment on 26 May 1656, but Jukes failed to pay this sum and other sums to Majors-General Whalley and Bury. For so doing, the county commissioners of assessments committed him and two of his securities to prison, and have sold most of his estate, and paid the Majors-General, but not me, pretending they have not money enough, and questioning their power to re-assess by virtue of the old Act. This much prejudices the regiment, and me who am engaged in several sums on their behalf.

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I beg an order for their payment from co. Notts or Leicester, or from Guildhall; also an order to the Salop Commissioners to exercise the powers given them in the Act of 24 November 1653, and in the Ordinance of 27 November 1655, for bringing in the arrears from the county for the time before the commencement of this Parliament's Acts; the Treasurers-at-war to assign the same to such troops as can best attend the business. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 6. **13.** Reference thereon by Council to the Army Committee, to report. [½ *page; also I.* 78, *p.* 59.]

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1. Col. Phil. Jones took the oath of a Counsellor before Lord-President and Desborow.

2. Order on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners that the provisions for next year's fleet should be declared for, as the season for providing approaches, and advantage should be taken of the next 2 months for contracting, and therefore they request to know what numbers of men will be employed, and what quantities of provisions should be prepared—that Desborow, Sydenham, Mr. Secretary, Jones, Pickering, and Strickland attend his Highness with this report. *Annexing,*

14. *Report alluded to.* 5 *August* 1657. [¾ *page.*]

4. The petition of Jochim Potter, one of the Swedish Commissaries here, referred by his Highness to Council,—shewing that the Johnsburgh, belonging to the Swedish Company of Africa, and bound from Guinea to Sweden, has, on news of the Danish war with Sweden, put into Dover, and praying, considering the danger she would be in should she proceed, for leave to sell her lading here, *viz.*, 108 cwt. of elephants' teeth and 300 marks of gold:—referred to Mr. Secretary, Strickland, Pickering, Desborow, Lord-Deputy, and Jones, to consult with some civilians whether it would involve any breach of the Act of Navigation, and report.

6. Order on report from the Committee of Council on Francis Lord Willoughby's petition, that Sir John Berkstead, on order from the Committee, allow the petitioner to attend as they shall order, to receive satisfaction in the matter prayed, and appoint a fit person to escort him to and fro.

His Highness present.

8. On request for some alterations in the order of 28 July last about Vincent Gooking, the order confirmed.

9. The petition of Hector Morgan, concerning his office as searcher of Sandwich, Kent, and its members, referred to Majors-General Whalley and Goffe, Colonels Fras. White and Mills, and Lieut.-Col. Lagoe, to enquire into, and report.

10. A petition presented by Viscount Montague and Lord Baltimore referred to the Treasuary Commissioners, to report.

11. Scobell and Jessop to consider the petition and account of Thos. Simons, chief graver of the Mint, for public work done and disbursements made, and report.

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12. The petition of Sudbury, co. Suffolk, for renewal of their charter, referred to Lord-Deputy, Jones, Desborow, and Strickland, to consider the former charter, and report.

15. Order,—on report from the Committee on a paper signed by the Governor of Guernsey, containing several matters referring to the island,—that for better observation of the Lord's Day there, any persons convicted of riding for pleasure or unnecessary business, repairing to taverns, sharing the proceeds of the fish taken the week before, fowling, collecting bait, &c., on that day, be fined 5*s.*; and when so convicted, they may be arrested without warrant, and brought before the authorities, unless they will pay the fine peaceably, which fine is to be given to the poor of the parish wherein the offence is committed; but the authorities may reward the prosecutor up to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the sum. Approved in person.

16. Also that for the better observation of decorum in the Court of Justice in Guernsey, the Clerk of the Court read the actions depending there; and that none who are not magistrates presume to be covered within the bar, or sit on the seat of justice, so that the magistrates may better be distinguished from private persons.

17. When any causes shall be referred from Monday to Saturday, in order to a decision thereof by a greater number of justices, the bailiff and jurates are to meet on such Saturdays by 11 a.m., that the time of the early comers be not wasted, nor the opportunity of dispatching causes lost.

18. The request for 12 barrels of powder to be sent over, and some muskets for the poorer sort, who can handle arms, though they cannot buy them, left to the Governor, Colonel Bingham, to do as he finds best for his Highness's service and the island's safety.

20. On petition from the Governor and Company of Levant Merchants, that their ship, the Resolution, laden with 30,000*l.* worth of merchandise, has been taken by Tripoli men-of-war, and carried to Rhodes, contrary to the articles of treaty between the two States;—Order to advise his Highness to write to the Grand Seignior and Vizier Bassa, for release of the said ship.

21. His Highness imparted another petition from the said merchants, that several Spanish ships have gone towards the Straits to intercept our merchant ships, and that 2 English ships have been set upon, and one sunk, and begging protection for the trade, but was reminded that directions had already been given in that behalf.

His Highness withdrew.

22. On Mr. Secretary's report from the Committee on an order of August 4, to take General John Desborow's account for money received by him, and consider how he may be discharged therefrom; that as it appears that he received, as Major General of Fairfax's regiment of horse and for disbanding supernumeraries, from 26 January 1647-8 to 7 May 1648, 13,991*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* in 9 sums specified, and that he paid the troops 13,849*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.* in 6 sums, leaving 142*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* due to the State on his account, which, with 254*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.* owed by him on another account, makes 396*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.*, and that his accounts were

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not passed by the Army Committee before, because he paid away certain sums to officers in the Lord-General's regiment, beyond what was in their muster, which they ought to repay:—Order that on Desborow's payment of the 396*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.*, he receive full and formal discharge for all the sums he has had in his charge. Approved.

23. Order that Desborow pay the 396*l.* 19*s.* to Mr. Jessop, who is to give it to Maj.-Gen. Jephson towards the 400*l.* ordered for his service as envoy to the King of Sweden. Approved 6 August.

24. Approval by the Protector of 8 orders. 4 and 6 August.

25. All petitions now depending to be referred to any 2 or more members of Council, to report on and dispatch them. [*I.* 78, *p.* 58–69.]

Aug. 6. Little Dean. **15.** Major Jo. Wade to the Admiralty Commissioners. Conceiving that you intend sending for more timber, I would acquaint you that those you have contracted with do not come with their ships into our river, where the timber lies on the shore, but stay in Hunger Road, and send trows up the Severn to Lydney Pill, where the timber is put at the water side, and costs them 5*s.* or 6*s.* a ton for fetching it down to their ships, and besides that, they stay 3 spring tides for its coming down, which is not less than 6 weeks, so that stands them in little less than 5*s.* a ton more.

If when you make any further contracts with the owners of the ships for fetching the timber, you would deliver it at Sherehampton, adjoining Hunger Road, they cannot refuse abating a considerable sum. The carrying of it down to Hunger Road will cost the State but little, as considering the trouble and charge formerly experienced in hiring boats to carry pig and bar iron up and down the Severn, I had the boldness to cause Mr. Furzer to build a trow of 20 tons for that purpose out of scrap timber, which stands the State in good stead in carrying it up and down the Severn at very easy rates, and will carry down the timber for a very small matter, where it shall be in readiness, let the ships come when they will for it, provided notice is given that it is to be delivered at Sherehampton, a place that will contain thousands of tons by the water side. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 7. Yarmouth. **16.** Major Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Fame and Vulture have arrived, and gone to Harwich to victual. The Vulture reports that there are 35 sail in Goree, ready to come out, whereof 2 are fire-ships, and formerly carried 22 guns each. The hoy with the cordage and the things saved from the Laurel has been waiting a week for a convoy. I have drawn bills on the Treasurer for the remainder of my money, and hope they will be paid. The town have ordered two townsmen to come up to the Council, and you, to see if there may be an agreement made between England and Flanders, to fish freely on both sides without molestation. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 7. The George, Plymouth Sound. **17.** Capt. Robt. Clarke to the Admiralty Commissioners. We sailed from Cascales Bay the 17th ult., with the Newbury and Colchester, and came into Plymouth Sound by order of the General, who much desired to get on shore before he died, but as soon as they

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entered the Sound, at 10 a.m., he departed this life, to the great loss of the State and nation.

Last night we parted with the Swiftsure and the rest of the fleet off the Lizard, they being bound for the Downs; I will sail there myself with the first wind. The General yesterday charged Rear-Admiral Bourne, Mr. Creed, and myself to represent the sad condition of the fleet left behind under the command of Capt. Jno. Stoakes. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 7. Plymouth. **18.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. This day, about 12 o'clock, the George, Newbury, and Colchester came into the Road, and 2 hours before, it pleased the Lord to put a period to the days of Gen. Blake. Capt. Clarke says he was very desirous to be ashore, and if God saw it good, to add some days to his life for settling of his estate, but his course was finished, and his memorial shall be blessed. As he lived, so he continued to the death, faithful. The Lord grant that a supply of his great loss may be made up, for the good of his poor people!

The Swiftsure and 7 others of the fleet with Mr. Creed went eastward; it is reported that many of the ships left on the coast of Spain are in a very sad condition, not only in respect of their bodies and tackle, but also in the sickness and weakness of their men, and that if some of the ships do not come home before winter, they will probably be lost. Would not it be advisable to send for all the defective and second-rate ships, and send others in their stead as soon as they can be got ready? I have directed Capt. Clarke to take the first opportunity to sail to the Downs, and to take the East India ship and such others as are bound eastward under his convoy. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 7. Notes of petitions referred to the Committee for Petitions, and of their reports, all in *I.* 93, on which no Council orders appear, *viz*:—

Tenants and inhabitants of the manor of Old Paris Garden, for stay of Wm. Angel, who has purchased the demesnes, and erected several cottages, from erecting more on a waste ground which has been enjoyed by the tenants 220 years, as thereby the common sewers will be dammed up, the high road stopped, many poor brought in, endangering infection, and they deprived of having water in case of fire. With reference to Sir Rich. Onslow and 3 other justices of Surrey, to examine the matter and report. [*No.* 6.]

Geo. Thomson. In 1643, discovered a design to his Highness, whereon he was committed to the Tower, his Highness promising he should not suffer, but be provided for; lost for 4 years his employment as surveyor at Southampton, worth 100*l.* a year, his goods were seized, and he put to great charge. Report that his case be referred to Council. [*No.* 13.]

Rob. Lavington, for payment of 7*l.* 10*s.* arrears due for service in Scotland, stopped because he came not in time to claim it. Report that he should be paid out of the residue of the 150,000*l.* in the hands of the late Treasurers-at-war for Scotch arrears, and that the Army Committee issue a warrant accordingly, the delay in making the claim notwithstanding. [*No.* 14.]

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Aug. 7. Jonathan Dawes, for repayment of 317*l.* 16*s.* paid for redemption of 5 English captives, and certified by Sir Thos. Bendish to be paid out of the Algiers duty. Reference to the Committee for Redemption of Captives, to examine and report. [*No.* 15.]

Aug. 8. The Rainbow, Off Cadiz. **19.** Capt. Jno. Stoakes to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send some Spanish letters taken out of 2 Hollanders which I searched which came out of Cadiz, bound for the Canaries, and also their translations, whereby it will be seen that there is a proclamation from the King of Spain for the speedy setting forth of a considerable fleet of 40 sail, and denoting their intentions for the secure bringing home of their estates from the Canaries. I am informed by other letters intercepted of some Flemings daily expected from the Canaries with Spanish goods, the only course they intend to take to bring home their goods, if not prevented.

We came to anchor before Cadiz the 25th ult., and I have my scouts daily abroad, and will be very vigilant and careful. The Hampshire has arrived with a Hamburgher and another with masts, and the Falcon has gone to Madeira for the wine, with the Providence for a convoy. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 10. Plymouth. **20.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Robt. Blackborne. I suppose Mr. Creed has been with you, and given an account of the state of the fleet on the coast of Spain. I am glad to hear that the report which was drawn up for Jamaica has passed the Council, so that those frigates which are incapable of service, and the great ships, which are not for winter work, will be called home, and others sent in their stead, and that $\frac{1}{3}$ of the fleet on that coast will be relieved every 4 months for the time to come. I beg payment of an enclosed account to Mr. Powell as heretofore, and I have left the other accounts with your servant Jas. Southern. The George, Newbury, and Colchester sailed on Saturday night, the George carrying away the body of General Blake; I suppose he will have a very honourable interment, befitting a person of his worth, who indeed, setting some human frailties aside (from which the best of men are not free), may be ranked with most that have gone before him in our age. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 10. Plymouth. **21.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Mayflower has been repaired, and is taking in two months' provisions for service about the Land's End and the Severn. The George, Newbury, and Colchester sailed towards the Downs on Saturday night. The body of Gen. Blake was embalmed, and carried away in the George, and his bowels brought on shore here and buried. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Aug. $\frac{11}{21}$. Whitehall. Sec. Thurloe to [——— Swift?]. I am glad to hear that the English foot continue so well together, the rather because those in Flanders brag that very many are come over to them, and listed in Charles Stuart's troop. I hear that you had a timely discovery of a design to debauch the army, and that justice was done on the capital offenders. Particulars would be welcome.

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Gen. Blake died on his return home, 2 hours before his ship reached Plymouth; a very worthy and brave man is gone, and a faithful servant of his Highness. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

Aug. 11. Notes of petitions referred to the Committee for Petitions, on which no Council order appears—all in *I.* 93 :—

Thos. Heber for stay of the rebuilding of Skipton Castle, demolished divers years since by order, but the Countess of Pembroke has brought materials for its rebuilding. Reference to some persons in the country, to see what is intended, and whether it will prejudice the State. [*No.* 20.]

Nath. Brad, mariner. On a reference from his Highness, it was awarded that John Southwood, merchant of London, should pay him 336*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, which he refuses to do. Begs not to be again left to troubles and vexatious evils, but to be enabled to go to sea again in the service. Laid aside. [*No.* 49.]

Gunmakers of London, for purchase of a large quantity of muskets and pistols which have long lain dead on their hands, at such rates that they may live comfortably, and have further employment. With reference to the Admiralty Commissioners, to see how the stores may be supplied out of the said arms, and the petitioners be paid. [*No.* 50.]

Rich. Doe and others, for a Committee to seize goods imported or intended to be exported contrary to law, as great quantities of hides, fullers' earth, and other prohibited goods are exported, and goods imported in small vessels, and landed at creeks. With reference to the Committee for preservation of Customs, to certify. [*No.* 52.]

Aug. 12. Notes of petitions referred to the Committee for Petitions on which no orders in Council appear, all in *I.* 93, *viz.*:—

Rich. Eccleston and Jas. Rand, for hearing of the report of the referees on their propositions for the advancement of learning. With order that it be read in Council. [*No.* 26.]

Grissell Jarman; her husband lent 50*l.* in 1642 and 90*l.* in 1643 on Public faith; 233*l.* arrears are due to him; she is aged, weak, without subsistence, and 150*l.* in debt, for 100*l.* of which she is arrested; begs payment of Public faith money, stay of proceedings, and an allowance; with certificate from the Lord Mayor, Ald. Underwood, and 2 others, that she is a godly woman, and her condition deplorable. Her case to be represented to Council for a pension. [*No.* 27.]

Inhabitants of Chester, for a hearing of the report on their prepared charter. Report to be offered to Council. [*No.* 30.]

Nich. Bond, clerk controller to the late King's children, for a 99 years' lease of church lands in Ireland, in lieu of an annuity of 200*l.* a year, settled on him by Ordinance in Dec. 1645, on dissolving the family, being $\frac{1}{3}$ of his profits, to be paid out of the Court of Wards or other revenue, and of 1,539*l.* arrears certified to be due to him thereon. To be offered to Council. [*No.* 32.]

Hen. Atherton, for an order to the sheriff or justices to put him in possession of Great Crosby Chapel, co. Lancaster, to which he has been

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Aug. 12. presented, and has been approved, but the malignant tenants of Lord Molineux keep the chapel doors shut against him; or for the chief of them to be summoned, to show the cause of their opposition. [*No.* 38.]

Jas. Chaloner, Esq. Before the late war, was secured in the Tower, and his papers seized by order of the Privy Council; was extremely oppressed by the late King in his alum rights, so that 6,000*l.* is owing to him, yet he lost 10,000*l.*, and the King got 100,000*l.* by his alum works. During the wars, his estate was sequestered, and he brought very low by it, the King's garrisons, the executions of the Scots, and other pressures. Begs payment of 3,291*l* 13*s.* 4*d.* due to him from the Exchequer by privy seal in 1637, on which Nath. Bacon and 2 other referees certify that nothing has been paid. Noted as fit for Parliament. [*No.* 43.]

Nath. Whetham, for a lease under the Great Seal of Scotland of lands and profits to be discovered by him as belonging to his Highness, towards 1,600*l.* due to him for service. [*No.* 45.]

Edw. Ayscough, for his wife, and Anne, daughter of John Prigion, late registrar of Lincoln, for 20*l.* a year each to them out of the Office of Probate of Wills, or some other maintenance. Prigion gave many thousands for the office for 3 lives, and it was the only maintenance he left his widow and 12 children, of whom only these 2 sisters survive. They had allowances till the probate of wills was transferred out of the county. His Highness granted petitioner the keeping of the records, but it requires a man's attendance, and hardly pays him, so that very little profit comes to the aged and destitute sisters. To be offered to Council. [*No.* 48.]

Hen. Dickenson, for reference to the Committee at Whitehall for Approbation of Ministers, and continuance, at the desire of the inhabitants, in Egremont parsonage, on the ejection of Isaac. Antrobus for scandal and malignancy. He was ejected by the Cumberland Commissioners for insufficiency. With several certificates of his good conversation. Laid aside. [*No.* 56.]

Wm. Coxe and Sam. Foxley, for relief from 422*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* due out of an annuity of 500*l.* on the estate of Lord Powis, sold to them by the Trustees for Delinquents' Estates, which was paid into the Exchequer by the Sequestration Commissioners of North Wales. The Treasury Commissioners certify that 422*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* is due, but petitioners paid their first ½ but 2 days before 25 March 1652, when a ½ year's rent of 250*l.* was due. Referred to the Treasury Commissioners. [*No.* 57.]

Lord Duke Chas. Dudley, his wife, brother, and children, for a patent of denization. Submitted to Council. [*No.* 58.]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. **22.** Order—on report from the Committee on the provisions to be made for next year's fleet, [*see* 6 *Aug.* 1657]—that 6 months' victuals be ordered for 30,000 men. Approved 14 August.

2. The Admiralty Commissioners to give order for the interment of Gen. Blake in Westminster Abbey, with the same preparations

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as made for the funeral of Gen. Deane; Greenwich House to be prepared for reception of his body, and the housekeeper and others to yield obedience thereto.

His Highness present.

3. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners that speedy course should be taken to pay 60,000*l.* wages due to the 11 ships of the fleet late under Gen. Blake, now arrived from the coast of Spain, all of which, except one, have been out 20 months; that as the receipts of customs and excise cannot answer these and other emergencies of naval affairs, and as the State will be at great charge in allowing them victuals and wages till paid off, 50,000*l.* be borrowed on the credit of the Act touching buildings, to pay off these ships. *Annexing,*

23. *Report alluded to* 11 *August* 1657. [⅔ *page.*]

4. The Committee on Revenue business to treat with fit persons from whom to borrow 50,000*l.* on credit of the Act for Building, to pay the said ships.

5. Col. Jephson to receive 600*l.* beside the 400*l.* advanced for his negotiation into Sweden, out of the Exchequer money designed for forces in Ireland, which is to be repaid from the first money coming in on the Act for Building; his Highness to be advised to issue the necessary warrants.

6. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners, out of the money for the forces in Ireland, to pay Philip Meadows 100*l.* towards his present negotiation, to be repaid as above.

7. 1,000*l.* to be paid out of the Exchequer money designed for Ireland to Thos. Luddington, for provisions he sent into France for Reynolds' forces there, to be repaid out of the 50,000*l.* to be borrowed; his Highness to be advised to issue warrants therefor.

8.* On information that Capt. Diamond, master of the Little Diamond, fitted her out 2 years ago as a private man-of-war without any commission, and before sailing from Foy, stole 20 sheep from the people there for his own use, and at sea forcibly took some provisions from a Dutch ship, and is now detained in custody in Cornwall,—order that he be put into Cornwall county gaol, to await his trial at the next quarter sessions or assize, and the contents of his ship inventoried and secured, wherein Desborow is to give order.

9.* Order on petition of Sir Miles Hobart, K.B., that Henry Horedesnell have liberty to stay in England 3 months longer, on good security in the usual terms.

10.* On his Highness and Council's taking note of the hand of God which at this time is gone out against this nation, in the present visitation by sickness, that has spread much, and calls on the people to humble themselves in a special manner before the Lord, and seek His face in reference thereunto,—order that Friday, 21 August, be set apart as a day of solemn fasting in London and Westminster, and places within the weekly bills of mortality, and wherever else shall

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be appointed, not doubting but the people of God will be forward to so necessary a duty.

11. Strickland to give notice to Mr. Hook, Mr. Sterry, and Mr. How, that they are to preach at Whitehall on the 21st.

12. The petition of the greater part of the Common Councilmen, churchwardens, and other well-affected inhabitants of Botolph's parish, Aldgate,—setting forth that on their demanding liberty for John Simpson to preach at the said church the last Lord's Day, according to the order of Aug. 4, they were denied by Mr. Crofton's forcibly keeping possession of the pulpit,—referred to the Committee on the former contempt, to report to-morrow, and Crofton and others to be summoned to show cause.

13. The same Committee to consider the whole matter charged on Mr. Crofton and the examinations taken by the Lord Mayor and others, and to report.

14. The same Committee to consider fit persons to be added to the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers, &c., in London.

15. A draft letter to the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers in the various counties, to speedily execute the Ordinance in that behalf, read, amended, and agreed to.

17. Several members of the East India Company attending at the door were called in, and answered some objections made against the passing of their charter.

18. The Lord Deputy, Strickland, Mr. Secretary, Desborow, Sydenham, and Lisle, to consider Fiennes' paper containing the said objections, consult with the Attorney-General, or the Counsel learned, or the Judges, and report.

19.* Whereas it was ordered on 4 Aug. that the profits of the excise of ale and beer in Edinburgh and Leith till 24 June next should go towards the building of the citadel at Leith, it is now ordered that it be so applied till 9,000*l.* has been raised therefrom.

20. The draft commission for improving the Scotch revenue, presented by Mr. Secretary, referred to Lisle, Mulgrave, Sydenham, Skippon, Desborow, Mr. Secretary, and Lord Deputy, to report.

21. Sir John Berkstead, Geo. Downing, and Nath. Taylor added to the Committee for sorting the registers of Scotland, by Order of July 23 last.

22. The desires of Sir Wm. Waller about the prizage wines, on occasion of the farming of the Customs, signified by Council to his Highness, referred to the Committee on the public income and charges of the Commonwealth, to receive Sir William's desires, and report.

23. Strickland, Skippon, Lord Deputy, Mulgrave, Lisle, Pickering, Desborow, and Mr. Secretary to consider what the wine merchants and coopers have offered to his Highness, and report.

24. The same Committee to consider the petition of the inhabitants of the Liberty of the Tower, and report.

25. The petition of the vintners, wine coopers, and merchants referred to the same Committee, to report.

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26. The petition of the clothiers of co. Kent read, and referred to Desborow, Pickering, Strickland, to report.

27, 29. The report on M. Blondeau's case to be considered to-morrow; also the petition of Sir Paul Davys. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 69–75.]

Aug. 13. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the Lord Mayor of London and Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers. Parliament being sensible of the prejudice to the work of the Gospel and the interest of godliness, by the creeping in and continuance of ignorant, scandalous, and insufficient ministers and schoolmasters, and of the good to be done by their ejection to the work of reformation, after which the people have so thirsted; and also considering the good work already done by the Ordinance for ejecting scandalous Ministers, have judged it necessary to continue the same longer, in order to perfect the work in many neglected places. His Highness and Council therefore desire you to meet and pursue the work of ejecting scandalous ministers and schoolmasters with renewed diligence. With note of a like letter to the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers in the several counties of England and Wales, 29 Oct. 1657. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 977–8.]

Aug. 13. St. Jean de Luz. **24.** Capt. Sidrack Blake to the Admiralty Commissioners. I thank you and Don Diego de Villa Alva for procuring me my freedom. I hear there are 7 Biscay men-of-war—2 of 24 guns each—5 sail of Irish frigates from 4 to 8 guns, and 6 Dunkirkers of small force, save one of 36 guns, all of which are going to look for the Newfoundland men, so that it would be as well if 3 or 4 frigates were sent to hinder those rogues from going out, or to take them and their prizes coming in, as also to watch the fishermen of the place who father many Spanish vessels. It is thought that the India ships will henceforth come for this coast, as some of late have arrived in safety, *viz.*, 2 from the Indies and 3 from the Canaries, richly laden with a quantity of plate. I will hasten home with all speed, and give you further particulars. [1½ *pages.*]

Aug. 13. St. Jean de Luz. **25.** Thos. Hart to the Admiralty Commissioners. I find there is now some compliance of the Spaniards with your desire for the enlargement of English prisoners in Biscay, and in particular for Capt. Sidrack Blake, who has since been set at liberty. I am sensible of your favour and care of him, in giving so good an exchange as Don Diego de Villa Alva, who has most honourably complied with his obligation. As for the rest of the English prisoners in the province of Biscay, I have promised that all shall be freed provided all those of the province in England are freed; also that they will take care that from henceforth no prisoners are kept there, looking nevertheless for a reciprocal dealing with those in England.

There is one however who cannot be freed without an order from the King, the Irish having accused him of being a spy, although they cannot prove anything against him. He has endured 18 months' misery through Martin Brise, now a prisoner in England and of the Irish rebel crew; so that it will be a charity to take care for his liberty, which may be worked out by that of Brise, who

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accused him. I beg you will order the freedom of all those of the said province, and in the meantime of 2 named, for whose liberty I partly engaged, to facilitate Capt. Sidrack Blake's liberty, and I am assured of having freed for them more than equivalent, as they will deliver up some masters they procured of the Dunkirkers, who commanded some rich prizes lately taken.

P.S.—Since writing this, I have received 3 prisoners from the Governor of Fuentarabia, and a promise to deliver all up for the future, and therefore hope you will do the same, so as to beget a good correspondence. [2 *pages.*]

Aug. $\frac{13}{23}$. Blois. **26.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. I find by fresh letters from my father that the grand tour would take too much time to execute it in the short time he gives me, 2 months being the least required, so you need not trouble about a messenger. [1½ *pages, French.*]

Aug. $\frac{13}{23}$. Paris. **27.** C. George to Williamson. I have been to M. Jean Batalhié, but he says he has received nothing for you. [1 *page, French.*]

Aug. 14. **28.** Petition of the officers of Col. Salmon's regiment to the Protector and Council. There were 100 soldiers drawn out of my regiment to go to France under Sir John Reynolds, and 67 were shipped from Harwich. I paid them to 25 May, but by Council order, I was only to pay them to the 18th, and the rest was to be paid at Dover. I beg an order for that week's pay, which the Army Committee have defalcated. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

28. I. *Receipt by Capt. Rich. Roothe of* 67 *of Col. Salmon's soldiers, to go to Boulogne.* 14 *May* 1657. [*Scrap.*]

Aug. 14. Order that Maj.-Gen. Thos. Kelsey and Capt. Hen. Hatsell pay him the week's pay out of the remainder of the 5,000*l.* sent to Dover for a month's pay for the forces sent to France. Approved in person. [*I.* 78, *p.* 79.]

Aug. 14. **29.** Petition of the major part of the Common Councilmen, Churchwardens, and other well affected inhabitants of the parish of Botolph Without, Aldgate, London, to the Protector. According to your order of 4 August (for which we thank you) John Simpson went to preach in our church on 9 August, Sunday afternoon, but [Zachary] Crofton, the minister, in contempt of your order, refused him the pulpit, and kept it, being guarded by constables of Middlesex who have no authority within the liberties of the City of London, and caused much disturbance, hazarding bloodshed. We beg still to enjoy Mr. Simpson's preaching without molestation. [25 *signatures.*]

Aug. 14. Order on report from the Committee to whom the case of Mr. Crofton's contempt was committed, that Simpson be lecturer at Botolph's, Aldgate, at 2 p.m. Sundays, and one week day, and that Mr. Crofton be required to permit the same. Approved in person. [*I.* 78, *p.* 80.]

Aug. 14. **30.** Report thereon by Fleetwood and Pickering, that Crofton pleads his right as incumbent, by presentation from his Highness, to

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preach on the Sunday afternoon, but after he had done, he allowed Simpson to preach, and also on week days. He knows not anything in the church books about Simpson's being lecturer by election of the people. He gave out on 4 August that he should have done by 3, and then Mr. Simpson would preach, but some of Simpson's congregation came at 2 and threatened him. He kept the pulpit after the forenoon exercise, but denies having the constables, only he desired the officers to look to their duties. [1½ *pages.*]

Aug. 14. **31.** Petition of Katherine, widow of Hen. Shadwell, clockkeeper at Whitehall, to Council, for continuance in her husband's place and salary, for the relief of herself and 6 children, having agreed with a person to keep the clock and ring the bell. With note by John Maidstone that if the petition is granted, he will take care that a sufficient person is provided for the duty. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 14. Order thereon granting the petition. [*I.* 78, *p.* 81.]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. For speedy execution of the order of 13 August, for payment of 1,000*l.* to Thos. Luddington for Sir John Reynolds' forces—order to advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 1,000*l.* to G. Frost for the contingencies of Council, and a warrant to Frost to pay the sum to Luddington.

2. On Mr. Secretary's report from the Committee on borrowing 50,000*l.* to pay the seamen that came home from Spain, that they have received one offer for part of the sum, and expect more offers, and desire direction how the sums shall be secured—order to advise the Treasury Commissioners to repay the lenders out of the first sums coming in on the Act for Buildings up to 40,000*l.*, according to what is borrowed, and if that shall not bring in enough, to pay it out of Customs' money.

3. A letter from the Council in Scotland, signed by Gen. Monk, and dated Edinburgh, 25 June 1657, read, and a draft order concerning Lord Dedhope's estate read and agreed to.

4. On a letter from the Council in Scotland of 7 August 1656, concerning the condition of Lord Dedhope's estate, and the proposed fine of 1,500*l.* to release it from confiscation, and their request that the money may be allowed in compensation of the losses of those who suffered by opposing the rebels there in 1654, according to Gen. Monk's proclamation in that behalf; and that Dedhope have 3 months to settle the dates of payment, and if he do it not satisfactorily in 3 months, that his creditors have leave to undertake for the same, and if any shall pay in the 1,500*l.* he may be repaid out of the estate:—order that on payment of the 1,500*l.*, Dedhope's estate be discharged from sequestration, and the money used as desired. Approved 23 August.

7. The petition of Thos. Thompson of Duddington, in Scotland, and a letter from the Council in Scotland annexed, referred to the Committee on Scotch Affairs, to report.

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His Highness present.

11.* Order on the petition of Thos. Warren, and a certificate from the Committee for redemption of Captives of 18 March 1656–57, that on his contract of 3 May 1655, 162*l.* 5*s.* should be paid him, for his services in redeeming Mich. Howard, master, Nich. Devereux, mate, and John Coleman, boatswain, captives in Sally,—that the Customs' Commissioners or farmers pay him the sum out of the half per cent. money designed by Parliament for redemption of captives taken by Turkish and Moorish pirates.

13. The petition of Sarah, relict of Ed. Cawey, read and referred to Pickering and Strickland, to report.

14.* Order on petition of Thos. Dunn, Registrar for receiving appearances in London—shewing that in the new militia establishment, he was promised for himself and clerk, and rent of office, 400*l.* a year, of which he has received but 200*l.* for more than 2 years,—that he be paid the 600*l.* out of the Exchequer, and henceforth cease to execute the said office, and to advise a warrant accordingly.

17.* The clerks of Council are to examine the arrears due of 300*l.* a year, ordered 9 January 1655–56, to Serjt. Shepherd, up to Michaelmas next, when the said payment is to cease, and to prepare a warrant to Frost for payment.

18.* Order on report from the Committee on American Affairs, that there is great necessity to pay 1,000*l.* to Fras. Hodges, Treasurer for the Jamaica forces, for arrears, &c., to advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners, out of the first money coming into the Prize Office, to pay the said 1,000*l.*, and Hodges in distributing it is to observe the directions of the American Committee.

19.* The above Committee to examine Hodges' account as Treasurer of Jamaica forces, compare his account of payments with the vouchers, and report.

20.* The Committee for America, being appointed 28 July last to consider the arrears due to the wives, widows, children, and assignees of the officers and soldiers of Jamaica, are also to consider those who were late officers and soldiers, and are now returned to England.

22, 23. **32.** Order on a list sent in by the Committee of Council who were to consider of provisions for the sea forces for the ensuing year, of 17 ships that should be made ready for present service —that the Admiralty Commissioners order the said ships to be prepared. Approved. *Annexing,*

32. I. *List of* 17 *ships,* 9 *of which are in the Downs and Channel, and* 7 *have returned from Spain; also note of* 7 *that remain in Spain, after the* 3 *men-of-war and defective frigate have returned. Also note of the position of* 60 *ships that may be a competent number for next winter's guard.* [1¾ *pages.*]

32. II. *Order by the Admiralty Commissioners to request directions for timely calling in* 9 *of the frigates on the coast of Spain, and preparing others in their room, as*

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several officers of the fleet report that on account of defects in their hull, masts, and rigging, it will be hazardous to continue the second rate ships abroad this coming winter. 12 *August* 1657.

24. The petition of Ed. Rumsey to the Protector read and not referred.

25. Approval by the Protector of 5 orders, 23 July to 14 August. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 76–85.]

Aug. 14. Elsinore. **33.** Capt. J. Grymesditch to the Admiralty Commissioners. I convoyed several ships from the Hope to Dramme, Longsound, and Gottenburg, and then came to Elsinore, expecting to find some homeward bound, but none will be ready for 6 weeks. I found, however, several letters desiring convoy from masters of ships staying at Gottenburg and Longsound, the rendezvous of the fleet, and will proceed thither.

My entertainment here has not been so placable that I am much taken with it; upon landing, the Governor was very inquisitive as to the cause of my coming, and nothing would serve but the production of my orders, and I was kept under restraint until they were fetched from the ship, when they gave satisfaction I find the people are much terrified with the thoughts of the English assistance to the Swede, and I heard a Major declare to the Governor that he heard from the King's own mouth that his Highness had sent 24 frigates to aid the Swede. The 2 armies are within four Dutch miles, and but one mile distant from each other, so that a daily engagement is expected, and the people are here very greedy to receive the event. I will leave the Half Moon, in case any ships should come, so as to bring them to me. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

33. I. *Journal of his voyage for Norway and the Eastland,* 27 *July*–13 *Aug.* [1 *page.*]

Aug. 14. Yarmouth. **34.** Major Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I hear you have ordered the re-victualling of the Fame and Vulture, which are both wanted to convoy vessels. I wonder the bailiffs should write about the poor fishermen who picked up some things belonging to the Laurel, and never mention it to me. When they find anything, I always cause them to prize it, and if they do so too highly, I leave it in their hands, and they pay the State ¾ths of the value; but if reasonably, I give them ¼th, by which means there is no discontent, and there is not a man that could justly demand a penny but he has been paid.

The bailiffs, especially Bendish, would not write you about the poor men who were saved, being all wet and many maimed, that when my son went to him for orders to the constable to get them lodgings, he refused, and bade him get them himself, which he was forced to do; but the truth is, the man is drunk with pride, and has so carried himself this year as bailiff, that he is an affliction to the church, and all the men of quality have informed me of the unworthiness of his carriage. He rails against me because I was chosen burgess, for he used all means to obtain it and I to refuse

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it, but the House chose me, and that makes Bendish abuse me and mine; but I care not for any man's aspersions, as I can justify anything I take in hand. [1½ *pages.*]

Aug. 15. London. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish. You will receive letters herewith from his Highness, and some to the Grand Seignior and Vizier, for restitution of the Resolution and her lading, to which we refer you. We enclose a particular of each one's adventure that has come to our knowledge, that you may be exact in your demand, and we will trust you will use your best endeavours herein. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 292.]

Aug. 15. London. Levant Company to Spencer Bretton. On your notice of 5 June of the surprisal by the Turks of the Resolution, we procured his Highness's letters to the Grand Seignior and Vizier for restitution thereof, and release of the captives, which we do not see how they can refuse to do, as it is so contrary to the law of nations and rules of commerce for a ship trading peaceably to be seized as a prize.

We therefore hope for reparation according to the means in use there, and desire your assistance to his Lordship, for satisfaction to those concerned in the ship and goods, and for discharge of the prisoners. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 292.]

Aug. 15. Hull. **35.** Major Rich. Elton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I am requested by several merchants to desire your order to Capt. Pickering of the Peveril, to convoy their 10 laden ships bound for London, as his ship will be cleaned and victualled by the 20th inst. There are also 3 richly laden bound for Dort that can go with him as far as Yarmouth, for whom he can call on his return, and convoy them to their destination. I humbly thank you for your order for the release of the three women's husbands who are prisoners at Ostend, and beg you will grant the merchants' desires. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 15. Wymondham. **36.** Rich. Hampden to the Admiralty Commissioners. As General Blake has departed this life, and his Highness has committed to your care the providing of things necessary for his honourable interment, I beg you will appoint me to furnish you with what cloth and baize the occasion shall require. I hope, being his Highness's draper, and always made use of in this kind, as in Admiral Deane's funeral, to have the like favour now. Being abroad, I send my partner for an answer, who managed the last funeral of this nature by my directions. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 16. The Colchester, Gravesend. **37.** Capt. Sam. Blake to the Admiralty Commissioners. Having received orders from Gen. Montague to bring the corpse of Gen. Blake to Deptford, I have arrived at Gravesend, and will lose no opportunity of getting up to Deptford, which I hope will be by to-morrow evening, when I shall wait your commands. [⅔ *page.*]

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1. Order on a paper signed by Lord Wariston, Mr. Gillespy, and Mr. Simpson,—that the papers containing the resolves of the referees to whom the business was formerly referred, certified by Dr.

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Owen and Mr. Scobell, be delivered to Lord Deputy, Lisle, Pickering, Mulgrave, Strickland, Rous, Skippon, Desborow, and Mr. Secretary, to report.

2. The petition of James Sharpe, minister of the Gospel, referred to the same Committee.

3. The Treasury Commissioners to give warrant for payment of several pensions granted by Privy Seal, the order of 16 July last notwithstanding.

4. To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to allow an augmentation of 50*l.* a year to the minister of Methwold, co. Norfolk. Approved 28 August.

5. On a report on the case of Maj. Geo. Walters [*see* 7 *Aug.* 1656]—that for the sums due to him for service, in right of his wife, on Public faith, for disbursements for Cork, on Worcester House bonds, made over to him by Col. Phaire, and for raising and taking a foot regiment into Ireland in 1650, 4,198*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*, was to be allowed him from lands in Connaught, but he has received no fruit, and the Commissioners, considering his losses in transporting forces to Spain, through the King of Spain's failure to perform his contract, think that 1,440*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* should be added, and thus 5,638*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.* is due to him,—and also on a Parliament order of 15 June 1657, requesting an effectual course for his relief;—order that the Lord Deputy and Council be requested to settle lands on him worth 5,638*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.* in Connaught or elsewhere—and that 50*l.* be advanced him for his charge to Ireland, to be repaid from the revenue in Ireland. *Annexing,*

38. *Report alluded to, signed by Fleetwood and Strickland.* [*Draft,* 1½ *pages.*]

38. I. *Note of an addition to the said letter, passed* 9 *Sept.* [¾ *page; also I.* 78, *pp.* 138–9.]

6. The petition of Chris. Newstead, minister of Maidenhead, co. Berks, and 2 certificates from Maj.-Gen. Goffe and the County Commissioners, referred to M.M. Nye, Griffith, Jenkyn, and Cooper, to speak with Mr. Newstead, and certify concerning his fitness to be restored to his ministrations there.

8. Order on report from a Committee of Council on the case of the officers of the Committee for Trade [*see* 10 *March* 1657]—that their salary is from 27 Nov. 1655 to 27 May 1657, of which half a year is paid, and that a year's salary, in all 280*l.*, is due to them, —for payment thereof out of Council's contingencies. Approved August 28. *Annexing,*

39. *Report alluded to, signed by Montague and Fleetwood.* [1 *page.*]

9. Lord Deputy, Mulgrave, Skippon, and Lisle added to the Committee on the petition of the inhabitants of the Tower Liberty.

10. The petition of Thos. Lock, concerning obstruction in co. Derby to the execution of letters patent granted him for

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searching for mines royal, referred to Mulgrave, Lord Deputy, Lisle, Strickland, Rous, Skippon, Desborow, and Mr. Secretary, to examine the matter and report; and the petition to be sent to the Earl of Rutland, that he may attend when Council appoints a time for the hearing. [*J.* 78, *pp.* 85–92.]

Aug. 18. The Vulture, Harwich. **40.** Capt. Anth. Rively to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send a letter received while at the Brill from Hen. Gore, of Rotterdam, desiring me to apprehend Arthur Sampson and Rich. Paxford, two watermen, who escaped from London, and came over to Holland with some men of rank. I missed them in Holland, the letter coming too late, but laid hold of them on arriving at Harwich, and delivered them to the lieutenant of Landguard Fort, with orders to send them up to his Highness, as directed by Mr. Grymes [or Gree]. I took them first before Justice Smith and Justice Hunter of Harwich, but could get no justice from them, as they would not commit the men. I was therefore forced to put them on board Capt. Wright's vessel from Sunday to the following Tuesday, when I delivered them to Lieut. Edw. Jones, of Landguard Fort. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

40. I. *Hen. Gree to the Captain of the Vulture. There is a sculler at the Brill, and you are to get the men aboard your ship, and have them delivered to be examined at the Council table in England concerning the persons they took aboard at Margate.* [1½ *pages.*]

Aug. 18. Harwich. **41.** John Hunter and Dan. Smyth to the Admiralty Commissioners. Capt. Rively brought the said 2 watermen before us, and we send their examinations; we took recognizances in 300*l.* each, and Rivers in 200*l.* as surety, for their appearance before the Admiralty Commissioners within 30 days from this date, to answer matters objected on behalf of the Protector. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

41. I. *Deposition of John Rivers, of Gravel Lane, Stepney, Mariner, that being bound for Flushing to buy his vessel, lately taken by two Dunkirk men-of-war, he engaged Arthur Sampson and Rich. Paxford, of Battersea, to accompany him with their wherry to Flushing, to help to bring home the vessel; that he took passage in a Dutch hoy belonging to Dort, and had the wherry with him, and, except Leonard Sherman, of Gravesend, no other Englishman went over with them.* 18 *Aug.* 1657. [1 *page.*]

41. II. *Deposition of Arthur Sampson and Rich. Paxford that they were hired by Rivers at a salary of* 3*l. a piece for the voyage out and in.* 18 *Aug.* 1657. [1 *page.*]

41. III. *Certificate by Smyth that he has bound Paxford and Sampson to appear before the Admiralty Commissioners at Whitehall* 18 *Aug.* 1657. [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 19. Westminster. **42.** Denis Bond to Sec. Thurloe. Thos. Waltham is to receive the money for bringing up your letters from Weymouth. His

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charge is 7*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*, but he should have allowance for waiting 11 days. I have ordered the Mayor to convey your letters to the next post when there is none at Dorchester. With receipt by Waltham of 7*l.* 15*s.* for Thos. Daniel, of Weymouth. [1 *page.*]

Aug. $\frac{19}{29}$. Paris. Col. Jo. Bam[field to Sec. Thurloe]. I start next Friday, and hope to be in Frankfort in 12 days; the diet does not begin till 7 Sept. I have letters to several there, beside knowing the Prince Elector and Prince Rupert, and having interest with M. de Gramont and Count Maurice, of Nassau, and I hope my service will contradict those informations you have received against me; though when I consider the deep impressions which (as I found from your discourse with me in your chamber the first night I waited on you) had been made on you by the malice of my enemies, I almost despair of recovering your good opinion. I am innocent of any breach of promise to you, though you say I did not deal honourably with you in my last correspondence. I have received the money. When I have made such a bare provision as is needful to appear among the persons who can enlighten me, and paid for my journey, which will cost 40 pistoles, I shall enter Frankfort with 10, which will not maintain me many days, and to fall into want would frustrate any possibility of service. Pray send me 50*l.* to Lucas Lucy, merchant in London, whose correspondent deals at Frankfort. Let the bill be sent to me as Jean Newman, Frankfort, addressed to Gerard Huish, merchant, Paris. When I said 100*l.* would fit me for Frankfort, I did not consider how I should live when I came thither. I will write to you every post, and send duplicates addressed to John Upton, merchant, London. [3 *pages, copy, French correspondence.*]

Aug. $\frac{19}{29}$. **43.** Bill of Mr. Smith since 29 July for wine, supper, and his share, being one third of the expenses of the Chambord voyage, viz., 3 livres 7 sous; total, 8 livres 4 sous. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, F.*]

Aug. $\frac{19}{29}$. Flushing. Wm. Blunden to Sec. Nicholas, Bruges. Lord Goring died in Madrid 25 July, and lies interred in St. George's, a chapel of the English fathers of the society. The Spanish convoy are here ready to sail, 8 ships bound for Biscay, Cadiz, and Malaga. The English convoy went home on Monday. If the wind continue contrary, I shall take a boat for Calais, and so overland. Noted as received 1 Sept. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Aug. 20. **44.** Petition of Joan, widow of Thomas Shafto, late Governor, for the officers and soldiers of Holy Island, to the Protector, for payment from discoveries to be made by them of moneys concealed in co. Durham, of the balance of the arrears due to them, 900*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.*, of which 390*l.* 9*s.* 5*d.* is allowed in lieu of 395*l.* already paid. With the names of 12 holders of concealed money. With reference to Council, 13 June 1655. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

44. I. *Particulars of discoveries towards the arrears for Holy Island of sums in the hands of John Care, of Northumberland, the portion of Katherine, wife of Talbot Lisle, a Papist,* 200*l.*

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Hay sold by John Jackson, of co. Durham, though taken in part of his composition fine, 232*l.*

Lands, tithes, a mill, and colliery omitted from Lord Lumley's composition.

Sums in the hands of Geo. Clark and Rob. Sharpe, county treasurers.

Sums in the hands of Mr. Ward, of Darlington, Mr. Young, of Witton, and Jane Garthorne, of Hunwick, recusants. [1 *page.*]

44. II. *Further account of the concealed portion of Lord Lumley's estate.* [1½ *pages.*]

Aug. ? **45.** Petition of the Holy Island soldiers to Council. We have before you a report on a reference from his Highness about part of our pay which we are to receive from the sale or sequestration of Col. Thos. Haggerston, Papist, of Haggerston, co. Durham. Our pay amounts to 1,430*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* due in 1645. We have received in rents 491*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*, and from the Exchequer 375*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.*, so that 564*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* is due, for which we petitioned a year ago. We beg help, the money having been so long due, and we spending our pay in attending for it. We beg that Col. Fras. Wren, Lieut.-Col. Paul Hobson, Capt. Gore, and Ald. John Joplin may see us paid, with something for our forbearance since 1645 and our great expenses, and ⅓ to the discoverers, or we shall have to pay it. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 20. Order thereon in Council that the said arrears of 560*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, with 40*l.* charges of prosecution, be paid to Joan Shafto for the soldiers' arrears, out of the proceeds of the said discoveries; that the Treasury Commissioners bring in such of the above-named sums as are presently leviable, and for the remainder, the petitioners are to sue by information in the Exchequer, and the Treasury Commissioners are empowered to pay the said two sums, amounting to 600*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* Approved 28 August. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 99, 100.]

Aug. 20. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Approval of an augmentation of 20*l.*, besides 10*l.* already granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, to the minister of Edgware, Middlesex. Approved by the Protector 28 August.

2. Approval of like augmentations to ministers as follows:—

		A year. £	*s.*	*d.*
Abbots Langley - -	Herts -	20	0	0
Sandyacre - - -	Derby -	10	7	6
Newland - - -	Gloucester -	20	0	0
Dorking, in addition to 20*l.*	Surrey -	30	0	0
Rushford - - -	Norfolk -	20	0	0
South Cerney - -	Gloucester -	30	0	0

Approved by the Protector 28 August.

3. The petition of the Bailiffs, Aldermen, and Commonalty of Great Yarmouth referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

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4. The draft and declaration for the Army Committee 6 months' assessment to be presented to his Highness as the advice of Council. [*See p.* 76, *infra.*] Approved 22 August, as certified by the Lord President.

5. Scobell reports from the Committee on instructions to County Commissioners for examining Public faith, and instructions to Commissioners to whom returns of Public faith are to be made, several drafts of instructions in 2 papers, which were read, approved, and to be presented to his Highness.

8. Desborow, Skippon, Mulgrave, Lord Deputy, Lisle, and Strickland to propose fit Commissioners for examining Public faith due to those in the several counties, and also to be a Committee in London to whom the returns shall be made to, to report them to Council.

10. On consideration of a paper signed by Lord Nieuport, order that a pass be granted to Justus Van Geel, picture drawer of Rotterdam, and one of his Excellency's domestic servants, to travel in England and Wales, and draw "lineations of landscapes, without let or molestation." With the pass, dated 28 August. [*I.* 114, *p.* 91.]

12. The report from the Committee of Council on the desires of Sir Wm. Waller [*see* 13 *August* 1657], for exempting the prizage wines from paying customs, to be reconsidered next sitting.

14. The petition of Sir Paul Davis, and Alderman Hooke's report thereon, to be considered next sitting.

15. The reports from the Committee of Council on petitions to be considered next Tuesday.

16. Mr. Att.-General to consider the draft produced of a deed from Lord Maynard for lands in Dean Forest, for his Highness's and the State's use, and so to prepare it as to secure the title, and to report.

17. Major Wade, out of the proceeds of the ironworks in Dean Forest, to provide 15,000*l.* for Lord Maynard, on his perfecting his assurance as Mr. Att.-General shall direct.

18. Order on report from Col. John Clarke and Capt. Hatsell, on a reference of 10 March last on the petition of Lieut. Col. Hunkyn, Governor of Scilly Isles, and his proposal to have 300*l.* spent in fortifying the works and castle, and repairing carriages there, that a warrant be issued to the Army Committee to pay Edw. Swift 300*l.*, to be given to Hunkyn on account for the above purpose. Approved 28 August.

19. On report from the Deputy Governor, Bailiff, and Procurators of Jersey, and Dr. Philip Carteret, on reference of 13 November 1656, concerning the Court of Billet—that they find it a useful and necessary court, concerning mobiliary and personal causes, which cannot be properly handled in the Courts of Heritage and Cattell; and that though it has only been so named for 70 years, the court is of very ancient date, and abuses, which have become real grievances, have crept in, which are specified in the report;—Order,

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(1.) That all rents held in propriety, with arrears and dependencies, be reduced to the Court of Cattell, and there treated, according to the Act of 17 Oct. 1587, and the Acts of judgment of that court be continued 29 years, according to the custom of Normandy, and that court be kept next in order to the Court of Heritage, and that the judgments of the Court of Billet be in force 10 years.

(2.) That the superfluous delays in the Court of Billet, especially concerning those condemned in Court, be shortened.

(3.) That the executions of the Court of Cattell be performed by the proper officers, who are to have such salaries as were anciently allowed, and are to report all seizures to the Viscount, or Denunciator, that sale may be made.

(4.) That the fees of the Viscount and Denunciator be reduced to five sous for adjournments and significations of orders from bailiffs, likewise for sale of goods, and nine sous for all seizures and executions upon goods, and that the greffier have no more than 12 deniers tournois and 5 sous for a search.

(5.) As in the Court of Cattell causes are to be called by the several advocates, the causes are to be stinted to 5 sous for every default, till sentence, and on sentence the advocate to receive 9 sous.

(6.) That care be taken, in all other personal and mobiliary causes heretofore in cognizance of the Extraordinary Court, that no exorbitance above the limit of 3 sous a cause creep in; that every cause be set down into the Billet in presence of the party, according to its order, with the number in the margin, and every billet numbered, and that a roll of the allye, actors, and defendants, set down by two and two, be hung up at the door every court day, that time may not be lost by people attending unnecessarily for their causes. The Governor, bailiff, &c., to see this order executed. The Protector's approval certified 27 August. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 101–103.]

Aug. 20. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the Earl of Rutland. His Highness having referred Thos. Lock's petition to Council, and they to a Committee, they have ordered you a copy of the petition, that you may know of it, and address the Committee with all convenient speed, if you see cause. [*I.* 77, *p.* 978.]

Aug. 20. Instructions for Commissioners in the country for examining Public faith bills :—

1. At your first meeting, you are to send warrants to all persons within the county or town in your commission that had authority to give public faith, their treasurers and clerks, to bring in their books of accounts.
2. You are to agree on your times and places of meeting, and post the same in public places a week before your second meeting, that those holding Public Faith Bills may bring them in.

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3. You are to see if such bills are signed by authorised persons or are counterfeit, and you may examine on oath the said persons as to their signatures.
4. Of such bills as you find real, and given for money or goods advanced according to propositions made in 1642, or for the $\frac{1}{5}$ or $\frac{1}{20}$ part paid in, for which public faith was promised, or for money advanced on any Act, you are to make an entry of the date, person's name, subscriber's name, and date of Act, &c., on which the same was advanced.
5. You are to examine whether the persons holding such bills have remained faithful to Parliament; if they have shewn any kind of disaffection, you are to signify the same, reject the bills, and certify in a distinct list the bills rejected, together with the cause.
6. You shall compare all bills with the treasurer's or other books of accounts, for the better discovery of the truth.
7. You may examine on oath any producing bills as to whether they are the original lenders, and if they have not assigned, doubled, or received some satisfaction for the same, and if the bill is true and original; and you may similarly examine any assignee producing bills from the original lender.
8. You are to return to the persons appointed therefor an alphabetical list of the bills, with particulars whether the loan was freely made on the propositions, what was paid for $\frac{1}{5}$ and $\frac{1}{20}$, with the times of interest, where interest is allowed, noting also where any particular way of satisfaction is prescribed. You are to certify in a distinct list the bills claimed by original lenders, and the bills claimed by assignment, with their respective sums.
9. If any empowered to receive money on public faith state that their books are lost, you may examine them on oath to discover the truth of the matter.
10. If anyone presents a counterfeit bill, you are to apprehend and carry him before some justice of peace, to be bound over to the next assize or quarter sessions, and return us the names of all such.
11. You may send for and examine on oath any persons you think able to give information for discovery of truth, finding out of fraud, &c.
12. If you require any further authority in executing this office, you are to let us know.
13. You are to observe these and any other instructions we may send you. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 93–96.]

Instructions for a Committee to whom the returns of the public faith shall be made:—

1. You shall give notice to the treasurers and registrar-accountant, and controllers for the sale of Bishops', Deans and Chapters', and King's lands, feefarm rents, and lands

forfeited for treason, of the time and place of your sitting, and ask them to bring alphabetical lists of all Public Faith Bills for money or goods advanced on the propositions of 1642, or for the $\frac{1}{5}$ or $\frac{1}{20}$ part paid in, or other loans.

2. You shall receive all returns made by the County Commissioners, and examine if the bills they report have been doubled upon any Act, and if so, certify them in a separate list. If not, make them into alphabetical lists, according to the counties and titles under which they are ranked.

3. You shall have the lists entered in a book alphabetically according to counties, with the names of the parties and the sums lent and dates, and certify it under your hands to be exhibited to Parliament, viz., those on the propositions of 1642, those for $\frac{1}{5}$ and $\frac{1}{20}$, and those who lent money, plate, horses, &c., on any other Act or Ordinance for which they had public faith, expressing those on which interest is to be paid, and those for whom special satisfaction was assigned, also distinguishing between original lenders and assignees.

4. You may appoint such clerks as you think necessary, and a doorkeeper and messenger.

5. If you require further authority for discovery of fraud, you are to let us know.

6. You are to faithfully observe these and all other instructions from his Highness and Council. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 96–98.]

Aug. 20. An Order and Declaration of his Highness and Privy Council appointing an Army and Receipts' General Committee for the first 6 months' assessment of the 35,000*l.* for England, beginning 24 June 1657 :—

Whereas, by the Act of this present Parliament for an assessment of 35,000*l.* a month on England, 6,000*l.* on Scotland, and 9,000*l.* on Ireland, for 3 years from 24 June 1657, for maintenance of the army and navy, it is ordered that the directions in the Act for 60,000*l.* for 3 months, from March to June 1657, and the powers given therein, shall continue till the 3 years' assessment be collected, by which Act it is provided that if the moneys raised cannot be paid into the Exchequer in the limited time, the Protector and Council may have them paid as the monthly assessments were formerly managed :—It is ordered that, as it will be needful to assign some of these moneys for payment of the forces in the respective counties, John Clerk, Rich. Lucy, Edw. Horsman, Jas. Phillipps, Gervaise Bennett, John Hildesley, and Col. Adam Baynes, or any 3 of them, be a Committee for the Army, with the powers of the former Army Committee, and issue forth the said assessment and all moneys appointed for the army before 25 December next, and that John Blackwell, jun., and Rich. Deane, Treasurers-at-War and Receivers General, obey their orders in the issuing of the said moneys. The acquittance of the Receivers General to be a discharge for the receivers of counties. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 978–980.]

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Aug. 20. Naseby, Downs. **46.** Gen. E. Montague to Wm. Jessop. The Speaker's Company importuned me to write to you about their plunder due from the galleon that was taken, but from which they were debarred by not being permitted to leave their own ship, and they have addressed Council thereon. I know not whether to give them money, as it would dissatisfy more than it would content, and bring like applications from the Bridgewater, Taunton, &c., but a reasonable gratification to the whole fleet would be very acceptable, just, and fit. Meanwhile, no one knows of my writing this but Sir R. Stayner. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

46. I. *Sir Rich. Stayner to* [*Montague.*] *On* 9 *September* 1656, *the Jesu Mary and Joseph, being surprised by the Speaker, under my command, there was in the gunroom a large quantity of plate, some in pigs and some wrought, which formerly belonged to the seamen who took her prize. But on account of the great quantity, the evil example, and the number of prisoners on board, to prevent embezzlement, I restrained our men from going on board, so that many of them got little or no plunder. Much of the plate was taken out in presence of Rear-Adm. Bourne and* 7 *captains.* 17 *August* 1657. [1 *page.*]

Aug. $\frac{20}{30}$. Essones. Lord Jermyn to Prince Rupert. I commend to you the bearer, Col. Bamfield, who is going to Germany to find a livelihood in the motions of that country. If it be easy for you to do for him what he proposes, you will very much oblige me. His sufferings and persecutions entitle him to relief.

We are on our way to Bourbon for recovery of the Queen's health, which has lately been very ill, but is now much amended. My long silence has not arisen from want of zeal. [1 *page, copy endorsed by Nicholas "the original I delivered to Lord Chancellor." Flanders correspondence.*]

[Aug. 25.] **47.** Petition of Rob. Leighton, for Edinburgh College, to the Protector. On 8 August 1654, you passed an Ordinance for better support of universities in Scotland, and conferred on Glasgow and Aberdeen colleges a liberal annuity for the help of poor hopeful students, and expressed your intention to extend the like bounty, on application, to Edinburgh. I was thereon encouraged to come to London, had access to you, and represented the situation of the college, its number of students, larger than in any other college in the nation, and its poverty, being a late foundation, and with little provision for poor scholars. Some of the University Commissioners then in London spoke to you thereon, and you ordered the Clerk of Council to draw up another clause for Edinburgh; but afterwards you did not think the time fitting for its insertion, as Parliament was sitting.

I now renew my request, and can offer a way by which it may be done without prejudice to the State. The most renowned persons in the world delight in pious and generous actions. [1 *page.*]

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[Aug. 25.] **48.** Report thereon, signed by Fleetwood and Strickland, that 200*l.* a year should be settled on the college from chapelries and deaneries in Scotland. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 25. Order in Council according to the above report. Approved 28 August. [*I.* 78, *p.* 106.]

Aug. 25. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on complaint that Hester Hobson, when riding on the Sabbath with — Collier, to a meeting-place for God's worship at Sunderland, was stayed by George Lilburne, a justice of peace, her horse seized, and refused her save on payment of 20*s.*, contrary to the Act for better observation of the Sabbath,—that the High Sheriff of the county and Lilburne examine the matter, and certify.

2. Strickland to give direction concerning the entertainment of Don Francisco de Mello, ambassador from Portugal, and to arrange with Sir Oliver Fleming that he be lodged in Sir Abr. Williams's house, and that it be made ready for him.

3. Strickland and Mr. Secretary to speak with Nich. Bond as to whether he can execute the office of steward to the said ambassador, and report.

4. Strickland and Wolsley to receive and conduct him to his lodgings.

5. 300*l.* to be paid from Council's contingencies for the ambassador's diet, for which the steward is to account to the Auditors of Imprests, and present their certificate of the state thereof to Council.

6. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 500*l.* on account for Council's contingencies, that he may be able at once to pay the 300*l.* ordered above.

7. To allow the ambassador a diet of 50 dishes for the first and second course, and 30 of fruit and sweetmeats for each meal, with a convenient allowance for the tables of his attendants.

8. The said ambassador to be entertained at 7 meals at the State's charge.

9. The stewards to provide such plate as is required.

10. 12 of Council's messengers to attend to carry up the dishes and wait at table.

11. Credit to be given for 500*l.* a-piece to Maj.-Gen. Jephson and Phil. Meadows to be taken beyond sea, for their respective negotiations as envoys to Sweden and Denmark; and Mr. Noel to take bills of exchange for their receipt of 500*l.* a-piece, to be repaid out of Council's contingencies at the times that shall be agreed.

12. Maj.-Gen. Wm. Jephson's allowance as envoy to Sweden to be 160*l.* a-month.

13. On Mr. Secretary's informing Council of Phil. Meadows's desire, that having purchased a recusant's estate, he may be allowed to compound for $\frac{2}{3}$ payable to the State during his recusancy, the $\frac{2}{3}$ being 97*l.* a year,—order that Mr. Secretary, Strickland, and Rous consider it, and report.

14. On the Lord Deputy's report on the petition of Joachim Potter, one of the Swedish commissaries here, for leave to sell 10,800 lbs. of

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elephants' teeth and 300 gold marks, brought from Guinea, in the Johnsburgh (belonging to the Swedish Company of Africa), which put into Dover for safety, on account of the war between Sweden and Denmark,—order that he be allowed to take his ship and dispose of her lading where he likes.

15. The Committee on the papers concerning Ministers in Scotland to prepare their report, and bring it in at Council's next meeting.

16. Col. Jones, Lord Deputy, Strickland, Skippon, Mulgrave, and Pickering to consider what should be done on the late Act of Parliament for settling the postage of England, Scotland, and Ireland, the rent to be reserved, and the number of years of the demise, and to report.

17. The petition of Sir Wm. Scott, of Ardress (Scotland), referred to Pickering, Jones, and Lord Deputy, to consider Council's power concerning the matter prayed.

18. The Customs' Commissioners to allow to pass free to Ireland, for use of his Highness's Council in Scotland, (*sic*) a large quantity of books, stationery, &c., of which particulars are given.

19. Order, in thankful remembrance of the memorable mercies vouchsafed to England in the victories of 3 Sept. 1650 at Dunbar, and on 3 Sept. 1651 at Worcester, that next Sept. 3 be observed as a day of public thanksgiving in London and Westminster, and all places within the late lines of communication and weekly bills of mortality, and all other places where the notice shall come, not doubting but that all ministers will readily join in a duty to which God has led them by redoubled providences.

21. The Customs' Commissioners to suffer the goods of Maj.-Gen. Jephson and Phil. Meadows, envoys to Sweden and Denmark, to pass custom free.

22. Maj -Gen. Jephson, having his despatches, attended Council to take his leave.

23. Sir Chas. Wolsley took the Counsellor's oath, before the Lord President and Desborow. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 104–108.]

Aug. 25. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the Commander-in-chief of the fleet off the Spanish coast. Out of the 50,000*l.* payable to us on the Portuguese treaty, 600*l.* remains in Mr. Bird's hands. We have allowed him 300*l.* for his services, and told him to pay the rest to you. We desire you to forward him the enclosed, and receive the money from him, and to employ it as you judge necessary for the fleet. [*I.* 77, *p.* 981.] *Enclosing,*

1. *President Lawrence to Wm. Bird, merchant at Lisbon, to like effect. The* 300*l. is allowed for his service in receiving* 20,000*l., part of the* 50,000*l.* 24 *August* 1657. [*I.* 77, *p.* 981.]

Aug. 25. President Lawrence to the High Sheriff of co. Durham and Maj.-Gen. Robt. Lilburne. We have this day received complaint that Hester Hobson, who was lately riding on the Sabbath Day with one Collier to a meeting-place at Sunderland, was—contrary to the late Act of Parliament for better observation of the Lord's Day—stopped by Geo. Lilburne, a justice of peace for co. Durham,

her horse seized and detained, and herself obliged to walk to the meeting; and that the horse was refused to her unless she paid 20*s.* We desire you to examine the matter, and report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 982.]

Aug. 26. **49.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I have been into Hampshire, and met the Provost at Sherborne. College news. There is a general malady in most adjacent counties, for which we kept a fast last week. It rages much. Some call it a malign or putrid fever. [⅔ *page.*]

Aug. 27. **50.** Petition of the inhabitants of Bromfield, Essex, to the Protector and Council, for an augmentation to Wm. Alchorne, whom they have obtained as pastor, having been some time without minister, he having only the small tithes, worth 45*l.* a year. 11 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 27. Order thereon to recommend an augmentation of 30*l.* a year to the Trustees for Ministers. Approved 28 August. [*I.* 78, *p.* 110.]

Aug. 27. **51.** Petition of Col. Rob. Brandling, prisoner in Hull Castle, to the Protector. I raised a regiment at my own charge, and served under Lord Halifax, for which 1,500*l.* is due to me. I sent horses and arms to your army, on their march to Worcester, and have always been faithful, yet I have suffered near 3 years' imprisonment, on a false suspicion that I was privy to the late insurrection in Yorkshire. My health is thereby impaired, and my estate so wasted that my wife and 4 children are brought to great want. I beg you, "as you are God's lieutenant amongst us," for their sakes to restore me to liberty, on security for my future deportment, judging my long suffering an expiation for my supposed offence. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 27. Order thereon that he be allowed to go to and reside in his house at Learely, West Riding of Yorkshire, on security to attempt nothing against his Highness or the present government. [*I.* 78, *p.* 111.]

Aug. 27. **52.** Petition of Sir Nich. Crisp to the Protector. On 17th July last, a Capt. Lendall came to my house in Quekes, Isle of Thanet, with armed men, broke open the doors, secured my servants, took 400*l.* in plate, money, and goods, and took my father, Hen. Crisp, and me to the sea side, to carry us both away. They then forced me to promise to pay them 1,000*l.* in Flanders within a month, carried my father to Bruges for security, and demand 2,000*l.* for his ransom, threatening to use him strangely unless paid, and they do not allow him to converse with any, nor to write without their knowledge.

I find that of the Spanish prisoners in Chelsea College, no one or two are of quality to ransom me and my father, except the 4 named in a paper annexed, 2 being merchants, 1 a gunner, and 1 a soldier; they are willing to endeavour the exchange, if they may go to Flanders, on security to return if they cannot procure Mr. Crisp's freedom by exchange. I beg your direction, as I cannot pay the ransom moneys without mortgaging or selling my lands, to my irreparable prejudice.

I beg leave for these prisoners to go to Flanders, or for my father to treat there for his exchange with other Spanish prisoners, or for such other relief as you think fit. [1 *page.*]

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Aug. 27. Whitehall. **53.** Order thereon that the said 4 persons, viz., Sebastian Garcia, Francisco de Salazar, Martin de Murria, and Antonio Nogaler be allowed to pass to Flanders, on security in 3,000*l.* to the Admiralty Commissioners to return in 2 months if they do not procure the exchange; and that Garcia have liberty to go abroad forthwith, with a keeper, to get the required security. [1 *page. Also I.* 78, *pp.* 120, 121.]

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1. Order on Mr. Secretary's report concerning the post of steward to the Ambassador from Portugal, that Clement Kinnersley execute that office, as Bond's health prevents his so doing.

2. The goods of Meadows and Jephson to be allowed to pass, both custom and excise free.

3. Strickland reports his Highness's consent to the order concerning the Billet Court of Jersey.

4. Order on report from the Committee on the Postage [*see* 25 *Aug.* 1657] that a lease be granted thereof to Sec. Thurloe, at 10,000*l.*, in quarterly payments, with clause of security in default of payment; he to be at all charges, take no greater rates of postage than expressed in the Act, and send all Government letters free. The grant to be for as many years as his Highness thinks fit, not exceeding 11, or one life. *Annexing,*

54. *Report alluded to, signed by Jones and Strickland* [1 *page.*]

5. To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to allow Morgan Jones, minister of New Castle, co. Glamorgan, an augmentation of 40*l.* a year. Approved 28 August.

7. Also an augmentation of 50*l.* to the minister of Whitchurch, co. Chester. Approved 28 August.

8. The petition and case of Hen. Moore, Bart., referred to Sydenham, Strickland, Wolsley, Rous, Lisle, and Mulgrave, to report.

12. Mr. Rolle, minister of Thisleworth, to have leave to preach and lecture weekly in Hounslow Chapel.

13. To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to make up the augmentation granted to the lecturer at New Brentford, Middlesex, to 100*l.* Approved 28 August.

14. Approval of the orders of the said Trustees for uniting the following parishes:—

Over Compton and Nether Compton, co. Dorset.

Lufton, Mountague, and Sockdennis, co. Somerset, except Lord Arundel's lands and Chester mead, now Sir Hen. Berkeley's, and 12 acres in Sockdennis parish, united to Ivelchester.

Rushton St. Peter's and Rushton All Saints, co. Northampton, except lands specified in St. Peter's, which are to be united to Rothwell.

Llanbeder, Silian, Bettus, Bledras, Llangibby, and Keston, co. Cardigan, provided the interest of the present incumbents be not prejudiced.

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Cardigan, Verwick, Llangodmore, and the chapelries of Mount and Leckryd, with Aberporth and Llandogway parishes, all co. Cardigan, certain lands excepted, and with the same proviso as to incumbents.

Horsenden and Risborough	co. Bucks.
The two vicarages in Bangor parish	co. Carnarvon.
Birlingham Andrew and Birlingham Peter	co. Norfolk.
Pudding Norton, Colekirk, and Oxwick	Do.
Deepham and Hackford	Do.
Bintrey and Twiford	Do.
Louth and Stutton	co. Lincoln.
Hameringham and Scrafield	Do.
West Lavington and Little Cheverell	co Wilts.
Goring and Ferring with Kingston	co. Sussex.
Middleton and Felpham	Do.
Middleton and Fordley	co. Suffolk.
Byfleet and Wisley	co. Surrey.

Approved by the Protector 28 August.

15. Approval of the following orders made by the said Trustees, viz. :—

Union of lands in Rushton St. Peter's, co. Northampton, to form a parish with Rushworth.

Longload chapelry, Martock, co. Somerset, to be divided from Martock and made a distinct parish.

East Preston parish, co. Sussex, to be divided from Ferring and united to Rustington.

Davenport and Somerford Booths, co. Chester, to be divided from Astbury and united to Swettenham.

Redborough to be divided from Minchin-Hampton, co. Gloucester, and made a distinct parish.

Harthill, co. Chester, with the townships of Harthill, Broxton, Bickerton, Larton, Buckley, and Egerton, to be divided from Malpus, and made one parish.

Wardington, Coates and Williamscot villages, co. Oxon, to be severed from Cropready parish (except lands which have always paid to the church and poor of Cropready) and be a distinct parish, but not to prejudice the present incumbent. Approved 28 August.

16. Approval of augmentations granted by the said Trustees of 25*l.* to the minister of Knutsford, co. Chester, and 19*l.* to the minister of Thursfield, *alias* New Chapel, co. Stafford. Approved by the Protector 28 August.

17. To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* on the minister of Middlewich, co. Chester. Approved 16 September.

18. Order on Mr. Secretary's report concerning the gold and elephants' teeth brought by the Johnsburgh from Guinea—that those concerned with the gold dispose of it to their best advantage, provided it all be brought to the Mint to be coined, and that the

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Swedish Commissary's desire concerning the elephants' teeth be considered next Tuesday.

19. On report from the Committee on reference of Jane Baker's claim to the 2 swords bought of Col. Humfreys—that they were delivered her by the Trustees for Sale of the late King's goods in lieu of 50*l.* due to her; that she lent them to be used for the service, and being in the custody of Col. John Humfreys, at his death, Col. Humfreys, the son, took them, and alleges that his father paid 50*l.* for the State, and that Council, not knowing Jane Baker's right, bought the swords of the son for 50*l.*—order that Humfreys pay Mrs. Baker the said 50*l.*, or in default, that it be deducted from moneys due to him for service in Jamaica.

20. On Mr. Secretary's information that a pamphlet called "A Letter of address to the Protector," &c., which is very derogatory to his Highness's honour, has been printed by Hen. Eversden, a stationer, who denies any knowledge of the author—order that the Serjeant-at-arms take Eversden into custody, and Mr. Secretary, Wolsley, Jones, Strickland, and Sydenham consider the business, and report.

21. To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 20*l.* on the minister of Sherborne, co. Dorset, to make up 100*l.* a year with the 80*l.* he already has. Approved 28 August.

22. Also to settle 50*l.* on the minister of Ewrin, co. Dorset. Approved 28 August.

23. The clerks of Council to remind the Lord President to read the letter from the Council in Scotland on the Earl of Tweedale's behalf next Tuesday.

24. The petition of Hannah Ewell for herself and her 5 fatherless children, referred to Strickland, Pickering, Sydenham, and Wolsley, to report.

25. Mr. Scobell to present to Council next Tuesday the state of the account from Maj.-Gen. Kelsey and Capt. Hen. Hatsell of 400*l.* and 5,000*l.* received for pay of 6 foot regiments sent to France under Sir John Reynolds, and their contingent charges.

26, 27. Order on a letter from John Maidstone, steward of the household, to pay to him 5,380*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.* from the money designed for the forces in Ireland, or the first that comes into the Exchequer, on account for the expenses of his Highness's household, and request for a warrant accordingly.

28. The business of his Highness's household expenses to be considered next Tuesday.

30. **55**. The Admiralty Commissioners to select from the Spanish prisoners lately brought to Chelsea College a fit exchange for Capt. John Beere, now prisoner at St. Sebastians, and to give warrant to the keeper of the College to give the person selected liberty to go and effect their exchange, on security to return and give himself up if he fail to effect it.

31. Gen. Desborow's regiment of horse being ordered to march forthwith into Scotland, the Army Committee are to issue warrants to the Treasurers-at-war to pay them out of the 6 months' assessment up to 29 Sept. next. Approved 28 August.

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32. Order on report on the petition of Mary, widow of Lieut.-Col. Chris. Ennis [*see* 5 *May* 1657], that 6*s.* a week be allowed her from the Committee for Savoy Hospital and Ely House. Approved 28 August. *Annexing,*

56. *Report alluded to by Fleetwood and Strickland.* [1 *page.*]

34. On petition of Wm. Howkins that he was employed by the Trustees for sale of the late King's goods for getting the first half of 9,717*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* assigned to the creditors and servants from fines of confiscated persons in Scotland, and on an account from the said Trustees, and a report from Sydenham, Mr. Vaughan, and Mr. Evershed, who examined it, shewing that 81*l.* was due to him, for the service, of which he has had but 41*l.*,—order that Hum. Jones, treasurer of the fund, pay Howkins the remaining 40*l.* Approved 28 August.

35. Order that Cols. Sydenham and Jones consider how the residue of the moiety of 9,717*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* in Hum. Jones' hands, assigned to the creditors and servants of the late King, may be distributed with most equality, and report. *Annexing,*

57. *Report thereon that from* 4,853*l.* 19*s.* 3*d. being* ½ *of the sum, there has been paid* 3,929*l.* 11*s.* 11*d., and there remains* 924*l.* 7*s.* 4*d., and particulars of* 64 *cases still remaining unpaid. With many notes in shorthand.* [5½ *pages.*]

57. I. *Note of* 12 *cases still unpaid, which should be taken into compassion; total,* 366*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* [1 *page.*]

36. The report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning the regulation of the hospitals to be considered next Tuesday.

37. Also the report on M. Blondeau's case.

39. Mr. Jessop to have leave to go into the country for a fortnight, on special business for his Highness.

40. Wolsley, Sydenham, Strickland, Jones, and Lisle to see how a matter depending before Council, on an appeal from a judgment in Guernsey in a cause between Thos. Symons and his wife and John Fautart now stands, and report. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 109–124.]

Aug. 27. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the Council in Scotland. On 23 March 1653–4 his Highness and Council passed an Ordinance that from April 1 1654 till 10 Nov. 1657, an imposition of 4*d.* Scotch should be laid on every Scotch pint of ale or beer brewed or sold at Edinburgh, to discharge the public debt to the corporation, which the magistrates of the city were authorised to collect, and to keep an account of, to show whenever demanded; you are desired to learn the state of this business, what money has been received, and how employed, and report speedily. [*I.* 77, *p.* 982.]

Aug. 27. Sept. 6. Sec. Thurloe to [Amb. Lockhart]. His Highness has been 14 days at Hampton Court, a little intending his health. He is troubled for a hurt Lord Richard has received by a fall from his horse in hunting. His horse fell with him and broke his thigh, and put his knee on the same side out of joint, but both were well set 4 days since, and he is free from fever. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

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Aug. 28. Approval by the Protector of 44 orders, 14–27 Aug. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 124–127.]

Aug. 28. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions of the Marquis of Argyle, for the benefit of an order of his Highness and Council of 11 Sept. 1656, to receive ½ the excise of wine and strong waters in Scotland, not exceeding 3,000*l.* in one year, until paid 12,110*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, in lieu of 145,400*l.* Scots granted him by Act of the Estates of Scotland, and for the Council of Scotland to issue warrants to the Excise Commissioners to pay. With report of 7 Aug. 1657 in favour of the yearly payment, the farm notwithstanding, and order thereon 27 Aug. for the following letter. [*I.* 93, *No.* 1; 78. *p.* 123.]

Aug. 28. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the President and Council in Scotland. You are to obey the order of 11 Sept. last in favour of the Marquis of Argyle; and as on 17 Feb. last, Council allowed his assignment of 1,000*l.* of the first moneys received from the excise to Col. Ralph Cobbett, you are to direct the collectors to pay it to him according to the said order, which we enclose. Approved 20 August. [*I.* 77, *p.* 982.]

Aug. 28. Sept. 7. Blois. **58.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. I am too busy to write now, but I will soon. [½ *page, French.*]

Aug. 29. The George, Downs. **59.** Capt. Robt. Clarke to the Admiralty Commissioners. Our General having received intelligence from a vessel plying off the North Foreland that they had sighted 60 sail of Hollanders, with a flagship, he called most of the commanders together, when it was agreed to set sail at 2 the next morning. As the day lightened, we saw the fleet at the back of the Goodwin, but 2 of the scouts' frigates having spoken with some of them, and found they were merchant ships with their convoys, the General sent me and 3 others to return to the Downs, while he stood south-west with the rest of the fleet.

I have delivered the tobacco left on board by Gen. Blake to the Sub-commissioners at Dover. A messenger has come here from Sec. Thurloe to enquire after. Maj.-Gen. Jephson, who was expected in the Downs to take ship, but as yet I cannot give any account of him. The man is perplexed because he cannot hear of the gentleman. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 31. St. Cleer's Farm, Droxford Parish, Hampshire. **60.** Wm. Rowe to Col. Edw. Salmon, Admiralty Commissioner. A friend of mine in Scotland prays me to move you that if Troutbeck, who it is heard is nigh death, should die, you would admit one Fish to succeed him as surgeon in your regiment. Fish has now some small business to do in Heriot's Hospital, Edinburgh, and my friend has experienced his ability in surgery. Capt. Drake, of his Highness's foot regiment in London, who receives and opens my letters during my absence here, has sent away a letter he found enclosed to your lady, I suppose to move her to mediate with you for Fish, who is well known to him to be a deserving man. My uncle, Alderman Allen (with whom I am staying), will add a word when he has done hearing a business referred to him from the country, which he thinks

of representing to the Admiralty Commissioners or to Commissioner Willoughby, as a very great injury to some of the people in this country, and a most dishonourable thing to the State, viz. :—

That some of the waggons or carts which carried the Spanish plate from Portsmouth to London have not been paid, and thereupon suits are commenced by the people whose teams went, against their neighbours of the same tithings and hundreds, who were chargeable as well as they, but got one entire team to go for the rest, and engaged if the State did not pay them, they would each pay their proportion. Some having been paid and not others, those who are unpaid sue their neighbours on this promise, and they, to stave it off, defend the suits, so there is money spent on both sides, more than the pay of the carts would come to, which seems a shameful thing. The countrymen say it comes by Commander Willoughby wanting money to clear them all; his instrument, or some paymaster at Portsmouth tells them they should have come in time, whereas they had no time set, and applied as soon as they understood how the course of it was, and now they are answered that the account is closed, or there is not money. I suppose a small enablement, or a word of direction to Mr. Willoughby to send to his instrument to clear those who are paid but in part, and pay off wholly those who are yet unpaid, would take away this clamour and scandal upon the public, as well as the discord among neighbours. As a well wisher to the reputation of the State, and to peace amongst men, I am bold to give you this hint. With a note by Alderman Fras. Allen that, being deeply affected with the above, out of public respect as well as of common equity, he cannot but earnestly request favour and care for the clearing of these poor men, which he has persuaded them will speedily be done. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 31. Sept. 10. Blois. **61.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. Judge of my desire to see you when I ask you not to send my letter of change here, which would cause a delay of 3 weeks, but to endorse it in my name, and get it cashed. We hope to be with you on Friday week. [1 *page, French.*]

Aug.? **62.** Petition of Wm. Towerson to Richard, Lord Cromwell, Chancellor of Oxford University, for a letter to the warden and fellows of All Souls', to admit his son Gabriel (who has studied 8 years, taken his M.A. degree, and devoted himself to the ministry) as a competitor for one of the vacant fellowships, and recommending him for the preference if of equal capacity. With certificate by Sir Chris. Pack on behalf of both father and son. [1 *sheet.*]

Sept. 1. **63.** Elizabeth, Lady Lowther, to Williamson. I am sorry my letters to you miscarry. Though I am afraid of the travelling into Italy, because of the late contagion, I am not against other travels, if the expense is not beyond the 260*l.* a year, otherwise my son must be settled at home. We must not plunge into new debt him who is too deeply engaged already. [1 *page.*]

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To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay John Blackwell and Rich. Deane, War Treasurers, 210,000*l.* for payment

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of the forces, out of money coming in on the first 6 months' assessment according to the Act for an assessment for 3 years by 30,000*l.* a month on England from 24 June 1657. [*I.* 78, *p.* 128.]

Sept. $\frac{6}{16}$. Paris. **64.** C. George to Williamson. I hope the enclosed will find you still at Saumur. [½ *page, French.*]

Sept. 7. [London.] **65.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson, Saumur. I transmit letters, but Sir Ralph Hare sends no money, though I wrote to him of your need. I suppose you have credit for your present supply. We are in sickly times; in most of the adjacent counties, a putrid fever broke out in harvest time, but the city is in the best condition. Provost Langbaine rejoices in the birth of another boy.

Now that Gen. Blake is interred among our princes in Westminster, Gen. Desborow will succeed him; till the next meeting of Parliament, no great alteration is expected. Prince Richard broke his thigh-bone in hunting in New Forest, that fatal place to the sons of our princes, but he is recovering. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 8. **66.** Petition of Rich. Bartlet and John Watson, watermen, to the Protector. Have served 6 years as watermen extraordinary, and had badges given by the Council of State, and have always been faithful and ready to serve. Having been employed by the Commissioners of Customs, did not presume to ask allowance as watermen, though several places have been void, but now finding that the badges are to be altered, as their Custom House employment is uncertain, they beg coats, badges, and allowances as others of his Highness's watermen. With certificate to their good conduct by Geo. Foxcroft, R. Saltonstall, and John Upton, 15 Aug. 1657, and order, signed by the Protector, to Council, to admit them as watermen. Hampton Court, 3 Sept. 1657. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

66. I. *Certificate in their favour, as sober, godly, and faithful, by Wm. Kiffin.* 15 *August* 1657. [¼ *page.*]

Sept. 8. **67.** Order in Council that they be admitted, and that the Admiralty Commissioners provide them coats and badges. [1 *page; also I.* 78, *p.* 128.]

Sept. 8. **68.** Petition of Step. Seares, porter of Whitehall, to the Protector, for payment. On my late petition [22 *March* 1654] you granted me a reference to the Revenue Committee, who report that they are satisfied of its truth, but cannot repay any disbursements without order, nor does the reference on the report empower the Treasury Commissioners to pay without special order. With reference thereon, 19 July 1654, to Council. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 8. Reference thereon in Council to Strickland, Jones, Sydenham, Pickering, and Wolsley, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 132; *see* 6 *April* 1658.]

Sept. 8. **69.** Petition of Hen. Saunders and Thos. Bull, bailiff of Farnham, to the Protector and Council. Being at Farnham on 27 Aug., on a hue and cry after some highwaymen, by desire of Sir Rich. Onslow, we pursued them to the New Inn, Guildford, and trying to

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apprehend them, Bull was shot in the belly, and Saunders narrowly escaping, still pursued them, took John Craig, one of them, and seized their horses in Westminster, but the bailiff of Westminster took them to his own use. They beg an order for the horses, or some consideration for their services and sufferings. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 8. Order thereon that 30*l.* a year be allowed to Hen. Saunders as gamekeeper in the Middle and West division and Bamstead Downs, Surrey, and that the Treasury Commissioners give order for payment. [*I.* 78, *p.* 134.]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

2. On petition of Hen. Peck for a privy seal for payment of the rest of a debt of 4,281*l.* 10*s.* 4½*d.*, mentioned in Ordinances of Parliament of 16 and 21 Oct. 1648, due from ironworks in Dean Forest, 3,960*l.* 11*s.* 3½*d.* of which he states to be unpaid, the Ordinance having been stopped by a former Parliament, but the stop taken off by the present—order that the petitioner be left to make his application to Parliament, as no revenue remains at his Highness's disposal to satisfy the said debt.

3. Like answer to be given to Sam. Vassal concerning the money he claims.

4. The Committee of Council on Money Affairs to consider the state of the Exchequer revenue, and the sums charged on it, and what may be offered on to-day's debate for making the charges proportionable to the income.

5. A report from Lord Wariston, Sir John Berkstead, and others, appointed to sort the Scotch registers in the Tower, and a petition from Wm. Ryley, Clerk of the Records there, read, and referred to Strickland, Mulgrave, Wolsley, Lisle, Jones, and Mr. Secretary, to report.

6. Sydenham and Lord Deputy present from the Committee on papers delivered by Lord Wariston, Mr. Gillespy, and Mr. Simpson, the draft of a letter to the Ministers of both judgments in Scotland, which was read, amended, approved, and to be offered to his Highness as the advice of Council.

His Highness present.

8.* On petition of the Governor, Deputy, Assistants, and Fellowship of Merchant Adventurers of England, for a convoy for the Hamburg Merchant, from London to the River Elbe, and as near as possible to Hamburg, to stay 14 days and bring her back to the Thames; also on a petition of the Fellowship of Merchant Adventurers of England, trading from York, Hull, and Leeds, for a convoy for 2 ships, richly laden with English goods, to Hamburg—order that Gen. Montague appoint fit convoy for the said ships, and give orders for their safe guarding, if the Admiralty Commissioners have not done it already. With letter to Gen. Montague accordingly. [*I.* 77, *p.* 985.]

9.* To advise his Highness to appoint Capt. Potter as gamekeeper for Southwark and 10 miles round on the Surrey side, with a salary of 20*l.* a year.

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10.* In Phil. Meadows's absence, Mr. Sterry to execute his office under Mr. Secretary, with a salary of 200 marks a year.

11. Council to meet at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

12. A paper containing a desire for a Commission for plantation of churches in Scotland read, and referred to the Committee on Lord Wariston's papers, to consider the state of the maintenance of ministers in Scotland, how it is managed, and how it may be legally put, and to report.

15. Order on the petition of Winchcombe church, co. Gloucester, to advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle on Carnsew Helme, minister there, such an augmentation as shall bring his income up to 100*l.* Approved 10 September.

16. Order on petition of Anthony Hutton, gardener at Whitehall, that his salary be raised from 40*l.* to 60*l.*, as the garden there requires more labour than formerly.

17. On reading a letter from the Council in Scotland, of 18 Aug. 1657, in answer to one from Council of 27 July 1657—stating that the Earl of Dunfermline was employed by the late King as Commissioner in the General Assembly held at St. Andrew's in 1642, and for this and other services, he was in 1646 ordered 600*l.*; that the Earl of Tweedale, being engaged in great sums of money for the Earl of Dunfermline, obtained from him a mortgage of 2 parts of his estate, whereof Tweedale does not now possess 350*l.* yearly rent, the sums owing to him being nearly 30,000*l.*; also that Tweedale is sued by the Exchequer Commissioners in Scotland for arrears from Dunfermline's estate of feu, tack, and blanch duties, it being now in his right and title, and Tweedale having given satisfaction to them of his title to the precept of 600*l.*, and of the just grounds on which it was granted;—As others in like cases have full allowance granted them of sums due from the late King, by compensing the same, with the arrears of feu, tack, and blanch duties,—order that the said duties due for the said Earl's estate be discharged by such composition, Dunfermline receiving the overplus; and that the precept of 600*l.* compensate to Tweedale so much of the arrears of the duties charged on his share of the estate, which the Council of Scotland is to see to. Approved 10 September. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 24–134.]

Sept. 8. The Protector to Ministers of both judgments in Scotland, [viz., Messrs. Dickson, Douglas, Frayle, and Sterlin.] We note the addresses lately made to us of the unhappy differences which have fallen out amongst you, and being sensible of the effects of these divisions if there be not a timely closure of the breaches, and of the hindrance to the interest of godliness and work of reformation, we hold it our duty to use our utmost endeavours that those over whom the Lord has set us should lead a quiet and peaceable life. Therefore by advice of our Council we wish to heal those divisions, so that all that fear the Lord may join heart and hand in reforming what is amiss, and promoting not only the form, but the power of godliness and purity, in the churches and church administration.

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We do not think fit to notice the first rise of these differences, nor the means of heightening them, but exhort you, as one step to the cure, to lay these wholly aside, and bury them and all prosecutions thereon in oblivion, and regard one another with affection as before, that the work of reformation may be carried on, and all ignorant, scandalous, profane, and malignant persons ejected from the ministry, and the godly and well-affected encouraged. To accomplish this closure, we advise you to meet together as brethren to consult what means may best accomplish the reform of what is amiss, and to reconcile all differences among you, as may best consist with the propagation of the Gospel, and encouraging the power of godliness.

We hope the Lord may so direct you that we may not be obliged to proceed in any other course, to prevent the consequences, which are like to be worse if not timely obviated. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 130, 131.]

Sept. 9. **70.** Petition of Susan, widow of John Tubbing, to the Protector and Council, for relief, being in debt. Her husband was in service from the beginning of the wars, under Lord-Deputy Fleetwood, and when sent by the Council of Scotland 5 years ago with Col. Sexby into France, was arrested on suspicion of holding correspondence with the enemy, thrown into prison, and tortured, dying rather than reveal anything committed to him. The French took 100*l.* which they found quilted about him. By his death she lost a yearly rent of 30*l.*, and has received but 10*l.* for his faithful service, although he was promised 300*l.* a year. With holograph reference to Council, 14 August 1657. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 9. **71.** Reference thereon by Council to Rous, Skippon, Deputy, Strickland, Pickering, Lisle, and Sydenham, to report speedily. [½ *page; also I.* 78, *p.* 135.]

Sept. 9. **72.** Petition of Lawrence Chislett, of Taunton, co. Somerset, to the Protector. From the beginning of the late wars, I and my 2 sons served as volunteers at our own cost. After 5 years' service, they lost their lives. I served as scout 7 years, lost 500*l.* by plunder and fire, to my utter ruin, and was imprisoned 20 weeks by Sir John Stowell in Taunton Castle, and threatened to be hanged, but stole away; I went to the Earl of Essex, Maj.-Gen. Skippon, Lord Roberts, and Sir Phil. Stapleton, and promised, on pain of being hanged, to bring them into the town, or fire the castle magazine in 10 days. Thereupon 500 horse were sent under Col. Scrope, Sir Rob. Pye, and Doll Beare, and I so conducted them that they entered the town before a shot was fired, the Castle was surrendered in 6 days, and Adm. Blake made governor.

I have always been faithful, and discovered several plots against you, especially when the second Parliament broke up, when I disclosed to you in Henry VIII.'s chamber the plot intended of seizing the horses and arms and securing the riders. You then gave me your hand, bade me welcome to London, and promised to do me good if it ever lay in your power.

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I am grown old, have lost all my estate, and received only 5*l.* out of the 1,800*l.* ordered me by the Long Parliament from the lands of Sir John Stowell and others, for relief of the soldiers and inhabitants of Taunton, though the Trustees, Bovett, Searle, Adams, and Whetcombe, have received 10,000*l.*, given part of it to strangers who had no right to it, and divided the rest amongst themselves; and as I have opposed them in pleading my right, as a chief inhabitant and one of the greatest sufferers, they say they will spend the rest of the 18,000*l.* in law. I beg to have a portion allotted to me for subsistence of my wife and children, or some other relief. With reference thereon to Council, to give the petitioner relief by sending for the parties complained of, or otherwise. 4 Sept. 1657. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

72. I. *Lawrence Chislett to Council. My business being referred to you, in case you grant me an order for relief, I beg also an order to call the Trustees, gentlemen of the town and country, to account for the moneys they have received many years ago for the town, of which they have given no account. The gentlemen are Col. Thos. Gaudge, John Mallett, Wm. Gill, Roger Hill, Rob. Hacker, John Gardner, and John Porter; the Trustees are Rich. Buffett [or Bovett], John Adams, Sam. Whetcombe, and George Searle. London, 7 Sept.* 1657. [¾ *page.*]

72. II. *"Helps or notes for my own memory," being notes by Chislett on the act of injustice by the Trustees in the distribution of the money for Taunton, and of his own services, especially in bringing a Parliament brigade, in danger at Petherton Bridge, by Elford Bridge to Taunton.* [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 9. Order thereon for the following letter. [*I.* 78, *p.* 138.]

Sept. 9. Pres. Lawrence to Rich. Bovett, Geo. Searle, and Sam. Whetcombe, Taunton. Council being sensible of Chislett's services and sufferings, as detailed in his petition, we require you, to whom the distribution of the 18,000*l.* granted by Parliament was confided, to say how much you have paid him, and whether it be in proportion to his merits, what his proportion amounts to, and why it has not been paid. [*I.* 77, *p.* 983.] *Annexing,*

73. *Geo. Searle, Rich. Bovett, and Sam. Whetcombe to Hen. Lawrence, Lord President of Council. In answer to yours of 9 Sept., we acknowledge Parliament's goodness in bestowing* 12,000*l. in money and lands on the sufferers of our town. It has been divided not only by us but by Cols. Popham and Pyne and others, and* 700 *persons have joyfully accepted their proportions. Chislett was not in the book of sufferers, because his house which was burnt was mortgaged to Culmes, a delinquent, for* 500*l. and forfeited before the wars, so the loss was Culmes's; but on Chislett's importunity, he was discharged from the debt of* 500*l., and it was abated in Culmes's composition, and Chislett extorted from him* 100*l. more, and by like practices, though worth nothing in the beginning*

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of the wars, he has now an estate worth 1,000*l. We never heard of his being instrumental in giving the town to Parliament, though we were officers and soldiers at the time. His sons lived some years after the wars, and got good estates and offices. He has been such an "implacable and incorrigible person" that* 500 *of the sufferers have given authority to sue him for impeaching their title to and interest in the lands granted by Parliament. Taunton,* 20 *Oct.* 1657. [1 *sheet.*]

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1. Whereas by Order of 28 April 1657, the foot regiments in England were not to recruit to above 800 soldiers, beside officers, in each regiment, and whereas 55 soldiers of the regiment, late Maj.-Gen. Lambert's, now Lord Deputy Fleetwood's, were first designed for France, but then ordered to strengthen Plymouth garrison,—order that they receive their pay and arrears, though they are above the 800 in the regiment. Approved 10 May.

3. Approval of two certificates from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 17 July and 4 Sept., ordering that the 58*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* paid to Tim. Armitage, late minister of Georges Tombland, in Norwich, be now paid to Thos. Allen, the present minister, with the addition of 21*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*, to bring it up to 80*l.* a year. Approved by the Protector 10 Sept.

4. On reading a report from the Committee ordered yesterday to consider several particulars concerning maintenance of ministers in Scotland, with an additional instruction to the Council in Scotland, which was agreed to, order that it be presented to his Highness as the advice of Council.

6. To advise that the persons formerly appointed by the Ordinance of 6 Aug. 1654 to give testimonials to ministers be those from whom the said testimonials shall be admitted.

7. That in the letter to the ministers in Scotland, sent up for his Highness's approval yesterday, after the words "that you meet together as brethren" there be added "with an equal number of each judgment in relation to the differences;" and after "and encouragement of the power of godliness," "wherein we expect you to use your best endeavour."

8. To advise his Highness to direct the letter to Mr. Dickson, Douglas, Frayle, and Sterlin.

11. **74.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance Officers at the Tower to deliver from the public stores, for the forces in and about London, 50 barrels of powder with bullets and match in proportion, to Sir John Berkstead, who will issue them out according to orders he shall receive from the Lord Deputy of Ireland. Approved 10 Sept.

13. **75.** The Admiralty Commissioners to have badges made for his Highness's watermen according to the draft now agreed on, viz., the arms of the Commonwealth with his Highness's escutcheon of pretence, the crest on a crown, a lion passant crowned; the supporters, a lion crowned and a dragon, with the letters O. P. at the

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upper part of the badge. With the arms thus described endorsed. [*I.* 78, *p.* 134–9.]

Sept. 9. Instruction to the Council in Scotland. You were formerly authorized to allow ministers in Scotland with whom you are satisfied, as qualified by the Ordinance of 6 Aug. 1654, the stipends, arrears, houses, and other profits of their respective places, and to order the collectors and receivers to pay the same, but as differences sometimes arise as to the choice of persons, you are not hereafter to issue any orders for payments in case of difference, except to those who bring you testimonials from persons to be nominated therefor. [*I.* 78, *p.* 136.]

Sept. 9. Note of a petition referred to the Committee of Petitions, of Leonard Carr, of Newcastle, that the articles on which he is ordered to desist from acting as an Alderman, and attending the town council may be sent down to him, as he is 80 years old, so that he may make his vindication. With report, 7 Aug. 1657, that as it appears by the said articles, and the referees' report of their truth, that he is disabled from being Alderman, he be removed and another elected. [*I.* 93, *No.* 3.]

Sept. 9. Order thereon for the following letter. [*I.* 78, *p.* 137.]

Sept 9. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Luke Killingworth, Hen. Ogle, Hen. Horsley, John Ogle, and Capt. John Toppin, Governor of Tynemouth Castle. His Highness and Council referred it to you to examine articles exhibited against Leonard Carr, Alderman of Newcastle; you returned us a certificate dated 27 March 1657, wherein it did not appear that Mr. Carr had himself been heard. Council therefore refers the matter back to you, to hear what he has to say, and return answer within 3 weeks. Enclosed is the former copy of articles and proceedings thereupon, to be returned with the rest. [*I.* 77, *p.* 984.]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

2. To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 30*l.*, instead of what was formerly granted, on Mr. Buckley, minister of Woolthorpe, co. Hereford. Approved 16 September.

3. The question whether the Scotch registers should be delivered, according to a report from the referees for their sorting, in order to their sending into Scotland, passed in the negative.

4. Scobell to look out all orders of Parliament concerning Scotch registers, and send copies to Council at their next sitting.

His Highness present.

5.* On report from the Treasury Commissioners on an order of 1 March, that if they thought it advantageous they should grant the Earl of Berkshire a lease of the post fines, on terms beneficial to the State—that they have conferred with Sir Rob. Howard, son to the Earl, and some Exchequer officers, and that Sir R. Howard is willing

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to advance the yearly rent of 2,275*l.* to 3,000*l.*, if the Earl may have a grant of all the post fines for the rest of the term hitherto granted —order that the Treasury Commissioners farm the fines to the said Earl at 3,000*l.* for such term as they think fit.

6. The petition of Sir Christopher Pack, Charles Lloyd, and Walter Boothby referred to Sydenham, Jones, Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Lisle, Wolsley, and Strickland, to report.

7.* The petition of Sir Paul Davis referred to the Lord Deputy, Lisle, Desborow, Mulgrave, Sydenham, Jones, Wolsley, Strickland, and Pickering, to report.

8. Mr. Secretary, Desborow, Pickering, Sydenham, Lord Deputy, Mulgrave, Wolsley, and Rous to consider the Order of Parliament concerning the business of the Inns of Court, and report.

9. The following order for observing Wednesday, 30 September 1657, as a day of public humiliation in reference to the present visitation of sickness in England, Wales, and Berwick, read and approved of, viz:—

10. His Highness and Council—being sensible of the Lord's hand, which for some months past has lain upon this land in the present visitation by sickness, which calls upon all men to repent and turn from their evil ways, and solemnly to humble themselves before the Lord, and seek his face—think fit to stir up all who fear the Lord to observe Wednesday, 30 September, as a day of fasting and humiliation, in all places in England and Wales, and in Berwick, not doubting that all who have a due sense of this token of God's displeasure will dutifully observe the same.

11.* The above Order to be printed, and sent with a letter to the sheriffs of the respective counties, to be by them dispersed.

12. On the contract, presented by Sir Chris. Pack, Mr. Att.-General, and the rest of the Committee of Parliament for farming the customs, made with Fras. Thompson, Stephen Kirke, John Baker, Esau Risby, and Rich. Best, for farming the excise of beer, ale, perry, cider, and metheglin in London, Westminster, and Southwark, and in cos. Middlesex and Surrey, for 3 years from 13 September, at the rent of 128,400*l.*, and on several other covenants and conditions, which contract was signed and sealed by 11 of the Committee—order that his Highness be advised to confirm the same by letters patent under the Great Seal. Approved 10 September.

13. Order—on certificate of Rich. Sherwyn, secretary to the Treasury Commissioners, that only 1,000*l.* has been paid to John Maidstone, steward of the household, on a former warrant [*see* 27 *Aug.* 1657] for 5,380*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*—that in lieu of the residue, 5,000*l.* be paid him from the 10,000*l.* to be advanced by Fras. Thompson, treasurer, on the farm of beer and ale in London and Westminster, 4,380*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* to be in full balance for the quarter beginning 16 June, and 619*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.* towards the quarter beginning 16 September. Approved 16 September.

76. *Certificate by Sherwyn alluded to.* 10 *Sept.* 1657. [⅔ *page.*]

14. Approval by the Protector of 5 orders, 8 and 9 September [*I.* 78, *pp.* 139–143.]

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Sept. 10. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the sheriffs of the several counties. You will receive herewith several orders appointing Wednesday 30 Sept. as a day of fasting and humiliation, which you are to distribute to the ministers within your jurisdiction. With list of counties and towns, noting the numbers, 10 to 650 to be sent to each. [*I.* 77, *p.* 985, 986.]

Sept. 10. London. Levant Company to Chas. Longland. His Highness being pleased on a sense of the danger that may ensue on the escape of Capt. Ell with the Grand Seignior's provisions, to write to the Grand Duke and yourself to secure the goods at that place, that they may be restored to the Grand Seignior, according to justice, we accompany those letters with our desire that you will see the contents thereof performed. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 293.]

Sept. 10. London. Levant Company to Geo. Northleigh, Rich. Middleton, Jo. Ashby, and Jo. Frederick, merchants in Leghorn. By a letter of yours to our Governor and husband, we observe that you opposed the design of Capt. Ell's, who so perfidiously ran away with the Grand Seignior's goods, whereof his Highness took notice, and wrote to the Grand Duke and Mr. Longland to secure the master, ship, and goods, and restore them according to contract. We desire you to assist in this matter, and for any expense incurred, to draw a bill on our treasurers here. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 293.]

Sept. 10. London. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish, ambassador at Constantinople. Since ours of July 6, we wrote on Aug. 15, to accompany his Highness's letters to the Grand Seignior and Vizier, for restitution of the Resolution and her lading, taken by some of the Grand Seignior's own fleet at Tripoli, the success whereof we did not suspect, till we heard of the unhappy and rash action of Capt. Wm. Ell, who, having at Alexandria contracted for carrying the Grand Seignior's goods to Constantinople, ran away with them to Leghorn, to the great shame and scandal of the English, and disparagement of our ships, beside the evil consequences it may have on our trade.

His Highness has written to the Grand Duke of Tuscany to secure the ship and goods, and restore them, and to the Grand Seignior of the care we are taking to do him justice, and punish the offender.

You may intimate so much there, with any other arguments calculated to salve over this bad business. If complete satisfaction be given therein, we see no obstacle to the restitution of the Resolution, or reason for the detriment of our trade, which was never before in so languishing a condition as it now is, by reason of the swarms of Turkish and Spanish pirates pestering those seas, and the several ships we have lately lost by their means, viz., the Ann Percy and Eastland Merchant, and our fears of the Defence and Adventure; for remedy whereof, his Highness promised long since, and now renews his promise, to send some ships to guard the trade in the Straits.

This comes by the Negotiant, laden with goods for Smyrna and the Porte, on which there being much that has escaped payment of duties here, whereof we send particulars, we request you to order the levying of 2¼ dollars per cloth.

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We thank you for your care of our affairs at Aleppo, signified in yours of 16 April, and for preventing the mischievous designs of the new Basha concerning custom on money and silk, and maintaining our right therein, according to former agreement.

Although you are so positive and short with us concerning the business of fruit and cute, yet we, who also have experience with Turkey, think we have reason to fear by lading thereof. But if we are mistaken, why may not the licence be for the body of the Company, whose advantage ought to be preferred before that of any particular man? we pray your opinion and answer.

His Highness wants some good Arabian horses, to furnish England with a breed of that kind, and we have written to Aleppo to supply us with 2 of that sort. We desire you to procure two at Constantinople, and send them to England, but let them be of the best kind. If a licence is necessary at Aleppo, pray furnish the consul therewith.

You may at your discretion either give or keep back this letter about Capt. Ell. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 294, 295.]

Sept. 10. London. Levant Company to Spencer Bretton, consul at Smyrna. Since yours of 28 April and 5 June, we observe that our affairs have fallen into still worse plight by the injuries from the corsairs within the Straits, of whom Papuchin, with his squadron, has sunk the Ann Percy, taken the Eastland Merchant, and assaulted and pursued the Defence and Adventure, with what success we have not heard, but fear their loss; and now, somewhat too late, some ships of war are promised by his Highness to be sent to protect the trade.

We desire your continual care in collecting our dues, especially on strangers' goods, and that payable on fruit and cute, whether on the Mary Rose or former ships, without allowing its future exportation.

As the Negotiant, by which this comes, is laden with much cloth and other goods that have not paid dues here, we pray you see that $2\frac{1}{4}$ dollars per cloth be levied there. Also see that we suffer not either in loss of our duties, or in extravagant expense, which we presume you have kept in mind, in dealing with the four Bashas pretending to a charge on the Hunter. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 295, 296.]

Sept. 10. London. Levant Company to Hen. Riley, consul at Aleppo. We had no occasion to write to you till the receipt of yours of 3 March and 28 April, intimating the danger to our ships and trade by the corsairs of Spain and Tripoli, which we have since experienced by the loss of the Resolution to those of Tripoli, and of the Ann Percy and Eastland Merchant to those of Spain, who have also assaulted the Defence and Adventure. Although we have long solicited for a squadron of ships to remain thereabouts, we have hitherto been disappointed, but now expect some to be speedily sent to guard our trade.

We are sorry that you are encumbered with such an ill successor to the old Basha, and that he so soon begins to countenance pretences against our nation, as in the case of Ben. Alexander, which we hope you will find reason enough to prove a fallacious practice, especially as being a renewal of a former contrivement of the same person, the

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countenancing whereof must prove a dishonour to the State, and a discouragement to merchants and trade.

His Highness, on our late address to him, expressed a desire to be furnished with certain Arabian horses, which we have promised to try to procure. We pray you enquire after two of the best breed, and, if possible, send them to us in England; the ambassador will give you a licence. We have written to Constantinople for 2 more. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 296, 297.]

Sept. $\frac{10}{20}$. Dunkirk. Declaration by Don John of Austria, Lieut.-Governor of the Low Countries. It having been represented to us, on the part of the King of Great Britain, that last July he gave a commission to Capt. Lendall, an Englishman, with others of his good subjects, to go to England, to the dwellings of some of the most active rebels, to surprise them and bring them here; on which Lendall has succeeded in bringing over one of the principal, whom he keeps prisoner at Bruges; and this being done for the service of the King, in which the King "Monseigneur" takes particular interest;—we declare that we have the said prisoner at the King's disposition, to exchange him for other subjects kept prisoners by the rebels or otherwise, provided it be without prejudice to the King "Monseigneur." Endorsed by Nicholas. Copy of Don John's order concerning Mr. Crisp, taken by Capt. Lendall, and now His Majesty's prisoner, in his custody. [$1\frac{1}{3}$ *pages, French, Flanders correspondence.*]

Sept. $\frac{10}{20}$. Bruges. **77.** Statement that yesterday Thos. Wadeson, after many professions of kindness to Hen. Crisp, prisoner in Capt. Lendall's house, offered to help him to escape through the window, which Crisp refused. To-day at 7 a.m., Crisp being in bed, Cooksey gave him a paper from Wadeson, which he returned unread, supposing it to be about the same proposition. Then Crisp called for Capt. Lendall, and informed him of the proposal. Subscribed by Crisp as true. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*]

Sept. $\frac{10}{20}$. Bruges. **78.** Examination of Edw. Cooksey before Sec. Nicholas. Knows not the effect of the paper he delivered to Crisp, being unable to read. Knelt down to him to get the paper back, saying he was undone when Crisp spoke of acquainting Lendall with it, because Wadeson told him it concerned the prisoner's escape. Confesses that Wadeson told him that Crisp's servant was to get his master out of the window, and that Wadeson and Lieut. Rose were to convey him away. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Sept. $\frac{10}{20}$. **79.** "The original paper delivered this morning by Edw. Cooksey to Mr. Crisp, prisoner in Capt. Lendall's house" [written by Thos. Wadeson].

As we adventure losing the King's favour and our own ruin, we desire the 3 ensuing articles:—

1. That neither you nor your servant, Thos. Smith, discover us directly or indirectly, by word, sign, or writing, to any person.

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2. That 1,500*l.* be paid to our use, in such manner as we shall assign, before you leave the coast of Flanders or Zealand.
3. That in 3 days after your arrival at Sluys, you procure 1,500 guilders, in part thereof, to be paid to Edw. Cooksey. [½ *page, endorsed* by *Nicholas.*]

Sept. $\frac{10}{20}$. **80.** Copy of the above. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. $\frac{11}{21}$. Bruges. **81.** Examination of Lieut. Rich. Rose before Nicholas. Acknowledges that Wadeson moved him to join in a plot to free Crisp, and to let his daughter hire a waggon, but denies that he consented to it. Knows not the contents of a paper which Wadeson wrote and sent to Crisp.

A month ago, on some difference with Capt. Lendall, the captain forbade him to watch the prisoner. Conferred with Richards about his colonel, who lived in Kent, but not about Crisp. [1 *page, endorsed by Nicholas.*]

Sept. $\frac{11}{21}$. L'Escluse. **82.** Thos. Wadeson to Sec. Nicholas. I know the advantage malice takes of an absent enemy, for so I shall be accounted. I am threatened with ruin, if not qualified by the fair constructions of a merciful Prince. Many persons had to be interested in a business of that nature. I wish those who were partakers on the former occasion could have shared this, which has more right in it than the former, in acquiring the imprisoned person, whose greatest crime was wealth.

My motive was private revenge for the incivilities of a man who knows not how to bear that sail his Majesty has given him. His insolent behaviour and threatenings incited me to seek by subtlety what he told me I was not to expect.

My sorrow for fear of the King's indignation is my Cain-like plague. I fear I may be suspected of defrauding his Majesty of his just rights, which Lendall affirmed to me were his by the King's gift. Yet I had provided secretly to satisfy his Majesty's $\frac{1}{10}$ and $\frac{1}{15}$. I hope in my voluntary exile to serve him better than by remaining at Bruges. I appeal to your charity. [1 *page.*]

Sept. $\frac{11}{21}$. Sluys. **83.** Thos. Wadeson to Phil. Curtis, Bruges. You will judge by the enclosed what to answer in my behalf to those who were in the former action, some of whom, by their clandestine practices, were the cause of this design. I am injured when less considerable men were to have double what I receive. Had this taken effect, all their wits would have gone mad to find out the author. Find out whether Cooksey were faulty in the discovery; I cannot believe it. I shall stay 2 days, and then go for Dort, Denmark, or Germany. [½ *page.*]

Sept. **84.** Note by Capt. R. Lendall. Richards told me that Sir Wm. Mann would give the Protector 1,000*l.* to make my composition, and 100*l.* a year to my children. [¼ *page, endorsed by Nicholas.*]

Sept. $\frac{11}{21}$. Saumur. **85.** Marie Boucherau [or Mdlle. de Poictevin] to Williamson, Angers. I send you the book which M. Amiraut brought after your departure. He came twice to the house, and was sorry not to bid you good bye. He and all here wish you a pleasant journey. [1 *page, French.*]

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Sept. 15. **86.** Petition of Alex. Martin, minister of Alwin town, or Allington, Northumberland, to the Protector. You presented me, and the Commissioners for Approbation have admitted me, to this rectory, where I have served a year without means, the vicarage being only 20 nobles. Till lately there was always a settled minister, to whom the Propagation Society allowed 80*l.*; but he left the place through its many disadvantages, and it must remain in gross ignorance unless you provide a remedy. There are 1,000 people, and no house fit for a minister, or to be hired. I beg a subsistence from 140*l.* or 160*l.* a year tithes of sequestered delinquents in the parish. With reference Aug. 7, 1657, to Council, to settle an augmentation. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

86. I. *Certificate by Thos. Weld in favour of Martin, who needs encouragement, living among moss-troopers, and few being willing to accept the place.* 31 *July* 1657. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 15. Order thereon that the Trustees for Ministers settle 80*l.* a year on him, to begin from 25 March last. Approved 16 Sept. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 144, 151.]

Sept. 15. **87.** Petition of Edw. Backwell, goldsmith of London, to Council. Has delivered several parcels of gold and silver bullion to the Mint to be coined, and exported a part of his $\frac{2}{3}$ on payment of 1 per cent. Begs a warrant for the remaining part, though it be not of the same bullion that was coined. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 15. Order for the warrant accordingly. Approved 16 Sept. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 148, 151.]

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2. The Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost sufficient money to enable him to make up what he has already paid to Kinnersley for the entertainment of the Portuguese Ambassador to 300*l.*, which Frost is to pay him forthwith.

3. The business of the Scotch registers to be considered to-morrow.

4. To advise a licence to Oliver Viscount Fitzwilliams, to transport a mare beyond seas.

7. Order on report from the Committee on Sir Andrew Keyr's petition, that the former Committee write to the Council in Scotland for information, ask their opinion, and report.

8. Order on a report from the Committee of Scotland on the petition of Jas. Guthry and Jas. Simpson [*see* 17 *Feb.* 1656–7], that 80*l.* a year be allowed to Rob. Rule as minister in Stirling, to be paid out of moneys from vacancies of livings in Scotland, and that a letter be written thereon to the Council in Scotland. Approved 16 Sept. With the letter 17 Sept. [*I.* 77, *p.* 984.]

88. *Report alluded to, signed by Fleetwood and Strickland.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

11–13. To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 60*l.* on Wm. Ben, minister of

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Dorchester; of 20*l.* on the minister of Fordington, near Dorchester, co. Dorset; and of 50*l.* on Rich. Symonds towards a lecture to be preached in Llandaff Cathedral, co. Glamorgan. Approved by the Protector 16 Sept.

14. The Treasury Commissioners to take order that the 5,000*l.* remaining of the 10,000*l.* paid into the Exchequer on the contract for excise of all beer, &c., in London and Westminster, above the 5,000*l.* ordered to Maidstone, his Highness's steward, be paid to Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer.

15. The business of Ely House and the Savoy Hospital referred to Sydenham, Strickland, Jones, Skippon, Lord Deputy, Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Lisle, and Mulgrave, to report how it may be best settled.

17. The report concerning the disposal of gunpowder in and about London to be considered to-morrow. [*J.* 78, *pp.* 144–8.]

Sept. 15. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Gen. Montague or the Commander-in-Chief of the fleet in the Downs. John Vaughan, Esq., son of the Earl of Carbery, desires to go to France. Council recommends it to you to order one of your ships to waft him over. [*J.* 77, *p.* 984.]

Sept. 16. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. An order concerning issuing the assessment of 35,000*l.* a month read and approved, and to be presented to his Highness. Approved.

2. Order on report from the Committee on the difference between Thos. Symons and Captain Fautrat about a judgment in Guernsey, from which Fautrat has appealed—that the case be heard before Council next Tuesday.

3. On report from the Committee on the petition of Sir Hen. Moor, Bart.—shewing his condition and that of his estate, and advising the exercise of mercy towards him, and return of his estate, which is seized by the State because he was in the late insurrection in the West—that his Highness be not advised to admit him to composition.

4. Desborow reports from the Committee on the petition of Thos. Lock, who was authorised by patent to search for mines royal in co. Derby, the following paper from the Earl of Rutland and a paper from Ben. Bradborne, on Lock's behalf, *viz.*: The Earl of Rutland is content, if his possession of his manor of Nether Haddon is quieted, and his trial next term at the Exchequer bar not hindered, for such persons as he shall appoint, in presence of Robert Eyre, Geo. Eyre, Thos. Locke, and one other, to sink 2 pits in any part of the grounds distant from the house ¼ of a mile, to make the pits 1 yard square and 2 deep, and take such lead and ore as they find, and seal it up in bags or boxes with the seals of R. and G. Eyre, and of Ben. Bradborne and Geo. Hopkinson, and send it up to London, to be tried by 2 assay masters, one appointed by Locke and one by the Earl, to see how much silver is contained therein. Order that the above is approved, and if his Highness think fit, he shall name a third assayer to try the lead.

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5. On certificate from Tim. Whittingham, High Sheriff of co. Durham, and the examinations he has taken concerning Geo. Lilburne, on an order of Council referring to him and Maj.-Gen. Lilburne the complaint of Hester, wife of Major Paul Hobson,—order that his Highness be advised to put Geo. Lilburne out of the commission of peace.

6. Approval by the Protector of 10 orders, 10–16 Sept. 1657. [*I.* 78, *p.* 149-151.]

On consideration how to bring in and dispose of the assessment, part of which is wanted to pay the forces in the counties wherein it is raised, as the money cannot without prejudice be removed to Guildhall before it is issued to the forces:—Order that the Army Committee proceed in assigning the first 6 months' assessment from 24 June, as seems best, and as is usual, and that the county receivers-general obey their orders, and the receivers-general for the whole give the receivers-general for the several counties receipts for the warrants they send in of money paid, as if they had sent it in cash; all sums paid in shall go to satisfy the 210,000*l.* ordered them out of the Exchequer 10 Sept. instant, till it be paid off; John Blackwell and Rich. Deane, on acknowledging receipt of any part of the assessment as War-treasurers, are to receive tallies therefor as receivers-general, which shall be sufficient discharge. [*I.* 77, *p.* 987, 988.]

Sept. 17. **89.** Petition of Manasseh Ben Israel to the Protector. My only son, now dead in my house, engaged me to accompany his corpse to Holland, but being in debt, I know not which way to turn for help but to you, imploring you for 300*l.*, and I will surrender my pension, and never trouble you more. This petition is highly bold, considering your past kindness, yet help, most noble prince, for God's sake. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 17. Order thereon in Council for payment to him of 200*l.* in discharge of his pension of 100*l.* a year, granted 19 February 1656–7. [*I.* 78, *p.* 153.]

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His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1.* Approval of grants of augmentations by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to the following ministers:—

Medhurst		Sussex	£20
Patcham	added to 40*l.*	„	10
Wilborough Green	„ 10*l.*	„	20
Wroxhall		Warwick	20
Wellington		Somerset	24
Leeme chapel		„	20
Farnham		Surrey	24
Hempstead		Gloucester	25
Preston in Amounderness		Lancaster	10

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2.* To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 30*l.* on the Minister of Coly Chapel, in the vicarage of Halifax.

4. The report on the petition of some inhabitants of the Tower,—complaining of great damage to the State and to others by a common sewer of the City of London passing through part of the Tower liberty, and now out of repair; the City claiming exemption from repair, on account of an agreement with King James that repairs should lie on the State; the other side alleging that the prejudice arises not from any defect in the arch made by the King's workmen, but from the removal of 2 iron grates set upon the City's ground to preserve the arch from rubbish, and continued till 3 years ago; from the City's drawing several new sewers into the arch; and from their not employing a man for 20 years to cleanse the arch and grates, for which the City paid a yearly salary—referred to the Commissioners of Sewers for London and Middlesex, to examine the damage done to private persons, hear both parties and witnesses, and report, with their opinion who ought to bear the charge. *Annexing,*

90. *Report alluded to, signed by Strickland and Lisle.* [1 *page.*]

5.* The Committee on the business of Ely House and Savoy Hospital to continue to manage that business a month from date, and meanwhile to propose a suitable settlement of that affair. Skippon added to the Committee.

6. The Committee on the Piedmontese Protestants to meet at Whitehall next Wednesday at 3 p.m.

7. Order on Payne Fisher's being called in and presenting a book with a petition in his own name, and several papers—that Lisle, Strickland, and Sydenham consider what should be done, and report.

8.* The Treasury Commissioners being authorized to farm the post-fines to the Earl of Berkshire, order that they be at liberty to let them to him, or his son Sir Rob. Howard, at the rate and for the time expressed in the former order.

9. The report concerning the disposal of gunpowder in and about London to be considered to-morrow.

10.* On Sydenham's report from the Committee appointed to borrow money to pay the seamen—that towards the 40,000*l.* wanted, they have promise of 17,000*l.* from 6 aldermen of London,—names and sums given,—to be lent for 6 months at 6 per cent., secured by patent to be repaid from money coming in on the Act for preventing multiplicity of Buildings, or that failing, out of customs' money, and that on receipt of the said patent without fees, they are ready to pay down the money next Monday—order that the agreement is approved, and his Highness advised to issue warrants accordingly under the Great Seal for repayment after 6 months, dating from Monday next, with 6 per cent. interest without fees, out of the said prevention of Buildings' money (after 5,000*l.* has been paid to Desborow, 4,000*l.* to Wm. Smithier, goldsmith of London,

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and 6,000*l.* to Sir Thos. Vyner); the warrants to be delivered to Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, who is forthwith to receive the money for the use of the fleet, and manage the repayment when the time falls due. [*I.* 78, *p.* 152–156.]

Sept. 17. **91.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Dispatch of letters. Sir R. Hare was not at home when I wrote to him to send you 100*l.*, but I have written again. I hear you are making the tour, and hope to hear of you next month at Lyons (?), a place that I liked best in France.

Young Whorwood was cast away crossing in a boat with a New College man, into the Isle of Wight, a fortnight since. His father takes it heavily, and has sent to search for his body; he will surely see his debts paid.

A public fast is to be kept 30 Sept. for the country's sickliness.

Sir John Reynolds, commander of our English [in France], has come over with a commissary of the French army about the besieging of Dunkirk, which, if taken, may be a cautionary place for our English. Time will show whether this will breed a quarrel with the Dutch. Sir G. Dalston is dying. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 18. **92.** Petition of the church in Gloucester of which Jas. Forbes is minister to the Protector and Council. Some years since, you sent Mr. Forbes as lecturer, and he has preached ever since at the college, there being no other preacher, and many souls have been converted who have chosen him for their pastor, but his title as preacher at the college may be subject to question, so that his work might be obstructed by ill-willers. We therefore beg your authority for his preaching. Signed by John Donne and Thos. Coales. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 18. Order thereon constituting Forbes public preacher in Gloucester cathedral, and the Trustees for Ministers are to continue the augmentations they settled on him as lecturer, 14 August 1654. [*I.* 78, *p.* 158.]

Sept. 18. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. Mr. Secretary to tell the Swedish Resident and Agent what he has now told Council concerning Mr. Bradshaw, and the present sense of Council therein, and to report.

2. Order upon that of 27 Aug. last, on the petition of Joachim Potter [*see p.* 82 *supra*] that the persons concerned in the gold and elephants' teeth therein named have liberty to export them to such parts as they think fit, and the Commissioners of Customs and all others concerned are to permit this without interruption.

His Highness present.

5.* On petition of Col. Shelborne and others, shewing their faithfulness, and stating that their arrears for English service were not claimed within the time limited by the Council in Ireland, because the papers of their accounts were in England, whereby, since they will not be comprised in the list sent from Ireland, they are destitute of

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satisfaction, and praying that the Worcester House Committee may examine their accounts and state them to the Council in Ireland—order that the said Committee state the accounts of Col. Shelborne and the 35 others mentioned.

6*. The same Committee to state the account of arrears due to Capt. Rich. Hawkshead for services mentioned in a petition of his widow Judith.

7.* The Ely House Committee to consider her condition and allow her some weekly pension, since her husband was slain in the State's service in Ireland.

8.* On report from the Committee appointed 23 July last [*see p.* 37 *supra*] to decide on the restoration of the private records of Scotland, that they have set apart the decree and register books, those relating to the conveyance of lands, and others detailed, of which they have had duplicate inventories made, to be attested as Council may direct, one to be kept here, and the other sent with the records to Scotland:—Order that the books so set apart be sent to Scotland, and delivered to the proper officer in Edinburgh castle, and that [Sir A. Johnston] Lord Wariston sign the inventory, the duplicate to go with the other books, which Wm. Ryley is to deliver to Johnston, to be sent to Scotland in such ship as the Admiralty Commissioners shall appoint, and delivered into Edinburgh castle.

9.* **93.** The Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a fit ship to carry to Scotland the books and records ordered thither.

10. The petition and remonstrance of divers aldermen, ministers, and citizens of Bristol referred to Desborow, Sydenham, Jones, Strickland, Fiennes, and Lord Deputy, with power to examine the parties, and to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 156–161.]

Sept. 22. **94.** Petition of Dan. Wynn to Lord Desborow, to help him to his money. Has not been paid his 20*s.* a week for cleansing the Mews and furnishing the guard since 18 August 1656; has to employ a man to help him, and has a wife and 4 small children. Lord Fleetwood moved a Committee of Council on his behalf. [⅔ *page; also I.* 93, *p.* 29]. *Annexing,*

94. I., II. *Certificates by Rob. Swallowe and Jos. Strange, that* 1*l.* 16*s.* 8*d. is due to him for candle and* 7*l.* 9*s.* 0*s. for coal for the guard, beyond the proportion allowed.* [2 *papers.*]

Sept. 22. Order thereon in Council that Jessop examine his account, and report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 162.]

Sept. 22. **95.** Petition of Hen. Saunders to the Protector and Council. You ordered me 30*l.* a year as gamekeeper in co. Surrey, and as I have been at much pains and cost the last 2 years; I beg an order for arrears from the date of my commission, 17 August 1655. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 22. Order thereon that 15*l.*, one ½ year's salary, be paid him at Michaelmas next, and so on half-yearly. [*I.* 78, *p.* 164.]

Sept. 22. **96.** Petition of Sir Nich. Crisp to the Protector. On my former petition [*see* 27 *Aug.* 1657] you ordered the exchange of my father

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Sept. 22. Hen. Crisp, for some Spanish prisoners, but these not being able to give the required security, my father applied to the King of Spain's governors there, who refused to intermeddle, though it were for all your Spanish prisoners, alleging that they had nothing to do in it, he being a prisoner to the late King's son's officers. Since the endeavouring the exchange, they use him worse than before, and fright him with speeches and letters, one of which is annexed. These frights, as he is 80 years old, may cause his sudden death. I beg leave to send over Lieut. Thos. Crisp, an officer in the United Provinces, to procure his sudden liberty, and to prevent the danger he is subject to by a company of desperate lawless persons. Lieut. Crisp will treat for ransoming my father with his own money till you find some way to reimburse me. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

96. I. *Capt. Lendall to* [*Sir Nich. Crisp*]. *I know not how to address you, as you have lost the title of knight and gentleman by your breach of promise and your want of filial obedience, and you barbarously sacrifice an indulgent father, who for the safety of you and your wife, has precipitated himself into the misery which must fall on him by your dishonourable proceedings. Your threats of Cromwell and proposals of exchange will not fright me to compliance, nor abate a penny of my agreement, and without a speedy performance, he must expect the same mercy from me as I should have received from your Protector, had I miscarried in my design. There will be no exchange of persons, but only of places; he will go from my house to the place of execution.*

I am ashamed of such a knight and lady, who sacrifice their father, in his age and want, to a covetous desire to enjoy his possessions.

You show great care of his present being, for you forget not even peas and brown paper, but I have regard to his health, "and in respect of Nick's blindness, will suffer him to take none of his surfeit water, for fear you will rejoice more in the loss of his person than we shall lament in the want of his ransom."

Be not too confident. I may meet you again when you imagine yourself most secure. My pity for your father's infirmities and age will mitigate part of that rigour he is soon to expect. You would limit him to an allowance, but he has hitherto fed at his pleasure. If you let him starve, the sin of ingratitude will light on you. If you have any glimpse of respect for him who gave you being, let it appear by performing what he lies engaged for, and assisting for his speedy enlargement. Bruges, 8 *Sept.* 1657. [1 *page.*]

96. II. *Capt. Thos. Sonds to Sir Nich.* [*Crisp*]. *I have been* 2 *days at Bruges with your father, but could not deliver those letters to him alone, they guarded him so strictly; when I delivered them and the surfeit water, they read the letters, and took the water away, lest it should be sent to poison*

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him. When they saw there was no money, they were like madmen, and would not hear me speak. When I left, they took his man from him, made him close prisoner, and suffer no man to come near him. They swear that if you send not soon the 1,000*l. you must pay yourself, they will cut him to pieces, for they care not for Cromwell, nor all the Dons in Spain. Pray send it, and then I hope to procure him greater liberty. They say they have ventured their lives for money, and they will have money or his life. The sooner you can persuade the Protector to allow the sending the money the better, for he is at* 50*s. a day charge. "I cannot write so bad as they do say." Bruges,* 10 *Sept.* 1657. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 22. Order thereon that his Highness and Council do not think fit to permit the ransoming of Crisp, they intending no encouragement in attempts of like nature, by permitting money to be transported or employed to any such use: but that Sir John Reynolds, commander-in-chief of the English forces in France, send a trumpeter to Don John of Austria, to represent Mr. Crisp's ill-usage, and to say that if it be continued, the like may be expected towards Spanish subjects here, and the rather because an exchange has been offered but not accepted. Approved in person. [*I* 78, *p.* 165.]

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His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1.* **97.** Whereas Gen. Montague has signified by letter to the Protector the desires of Marshal Turenne, that he would allow him to send to the port towns to carry over butter, bread, cheese, beer, oats, hay, &c., and 200 or 300 chaldrons of coals for the forces at Mardike, —order that the Admiralty Commissioners write to Major Burton, of Yarmouth, Mr. Brandling, of Ipswich, and others, to promote the speedy sending over of these provisions; and also that they send over coals on their arrival.

3.* Such colliers as transport to Mardike 300 chaldron of coals, and bring certificate from Gen. Montague that they have delivered them for the army's use, to be exempted from the usual custom.

5.* **98.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower quickly to cast a mortar piece of 18½ ins. diameter, and use such old brass at they have for that purpose.

8. The whole business of the fleet to be considered to-morrow.

9. The Committee on papers concerning ministers in Scotland (with Wolsley and Fiennes added) to meet to-morrow, and consider on to-day's debate the letter and instruction formerly sent up to his Highness, and report.

12. Order to advise that Capt. Potter's first ½ year's salary as gamekeeper within 10 miles of Southwark be paid at Michaelmas, and continued ½ yearly.

13. Order on a report from the Committee on the petition of Sir Chris. Pack, Lloyd, and Boothby [*see p.* 8 *supra*] to request a warrant

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from his Highness, for their release from the debt charged on them jointly with Sam. Avery and Rich. Bateman, with proviso that Avery and Bateman are not thereby acquitted. *Annexing,*

99. *Report alluded to, signed by Desborow, Sydenham, and Jones.* [⅔ *page.*]

15. The report of the Navy Treasurer now presented, to be considered to-morrow.

16. This day being appointed for hearing the cause on appeal of John Fautrat, eldest son of John Fautrat deceased, against a judgment given in a Guernsey Court for Thos. Symons, in right of his wife and other co-heirs of John Fautrat, sen., to ⅔ of rents in Sark, and full debate being had of all the evidence,—his Highness and Council see no cause to differ from the judgment of the Guernsey Court, to which it is referred to carry out the same. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 156–166.]

Sept. 22. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Gen. Edw. Montague, aboard the ———— before Dunkirk. His Highness and Council, on hearing Marshal Turenne's desire, have sent letters to several port towns to invite them to carry over several sorts of provisions to accommodate the army besieging Mardike, and among other things, 2 or 300 chaldron of sea coal, custom free. In case the exporters take advantage hereof to raise the price of the coal, you are to regulate the same as you judge reasonable. [*I.* 77, *p.* 986.]

Sept. 22. Whitehall. **100.** Sec. Thurloe to the Admiralty Commissioners. There are 3 hoys with stores for Gen. Montague now ready. His Highness, understanding that the same war ship is appointed to convoy these, and all the rest of the provisions which are not yet ready, fears it may much hinder the service if those now fit to sail wait for the others. He therefore desires you, if you possibly can, to appoint another convoy for those not yet ready, and let this sail away with those that come first. [¾ *page.*]

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1. Council considered and passed the names of Commissioners for Public Faith in the several counties; list of names and counties given.

2. Order that commissions be prepared to authorise the persons in the several counties to execute the instructions concerning Public faith, that the commissions be sent out to the several counties, and that the Commissioners sit in one place, instead of in several at the same time.

3. Mr. Malyn to pay the 1,000*l.* paid him from Army contingencies for repair of Hull garrison to John Rogers, Alderman of Kingston-upon-Hull, to be issued out for the said repairs as Col. John Bright, Lieut.-Col. Rich. Elton, Maj. Ralph Waterhouse, Capt. Ben. Oakshott, and Col. Smith shall direct. Approved.

4. Sir John Berkstead to allow his prisoners, Francis Lord Willoughby, of Parham, and Sir Hum. Bennett, their liberty for a month, on the usual security.

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5. Order on Berkstead's report concerning the necessitous condition of several of his prisoners, that Hen. Norwood and Col. Gray have 10*s.* a week each allowed for their subsistence. Approved 24 September.

6. Order on petition of the well-affected of Southwark parish, and on a certificate from Mr. Caryll and Mr. Greenhill, that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers be advised to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* on John Biscoe, their minister. Approved 25 September.

7. Approval of the following augmentations granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, viz.:—Michael's, Coventry, Warwick, 40*l.*; Thos. Browne, schoolmaster of Rochester, Kent, 20 marks; John Myles, minister of Ilston, county Glamorgan, in lieu of the like sum granted him as minister of Llanelly, county Carnarvon [Carmarthen?] 40*l.* Approved by the Protector, 25 September.

8. Order on report on Susan Tubbing's petition [*see* 9 *September* 1657], that as her husband suffered great hardship in France, and lost his life, and an estate which he had for life only, a yearly pension of 40*l.* be granted for her maintenance till further order.

9, 10. The report concerning disposal of gunpowder in and about London to be considered to-morrow; and after that the names of additional Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers.

11. On reading Edw. Backwell's bill for a fine gold sceptre of 168 ounces 20 grains, amounting at 3*l.* 14*s.* an ounce, with 28*l.* for the making and waste of gold, to 650*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, and on a report from Sir John Berkstead—order, that his Highness be advised to order the Treasury Commissioners to pay the bill.

12. Approval of the report of Sir John Berkstead on reference of 3 December last that, comparing the weight of the Pina silver as delivered to Sir T. Vyner and Edw. Backwell with its weight when dried, 35 lbs. troy should be allowed them, besides the 18 ounces on every 40 ounces formerly allowed them, and the Treasury Commissioners to make the allowance accordingly. Approved 25 September. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 166–171.]

Sept. 24. Whitehall. **101.** Petition of Peter Noxon to the Protector, for some compensation for medicine and attendance supplied to 20 seamen who were wounded when the Paragon was blown up, and were put on board the Rosebush, of which he was surgeon, on her return from the West Indies. With reference thereon to the Admiralty Commissioners, and their reference, 22 October 1657, to the Navy Commissioners. [1½ *pages.*]

Sept. 24. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1.* Order, on an address by the Lord Mayor and aldermen of London about the ballasting patent, that the parties on both sides attend to-morrow at 3, when his Highness's Counsel learned are to meet them.

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2. Order—on a request that the waste ground at the west end of Paul's, London, now settled in the Trustees for sale of Bishops' lands, may be surveyed, and allowed for a meeting house for John Simpson's congregation—that Col. Wm. Webb, Surveyor-General, cause this ground or some other place at Paul's to be surveyed, and the survey returned to Council. *Annexing,*

102. *Request alluded to, begging on return of the survey a Privy Seal for satisfaction of the Trustees, in sale of the premises.* [⅔ *page.*]

3. Order that the Privy Seal for payment of 650*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* to Edw. Backwell for his Highness's sceptre pass, and the money be paid gratis, without fees.

4. Sydenham, Desborow, Jones, Strickland, Wolsley, Lord-Deputy, and Skippon to meet with the sheriffs of Middlesex, to consult concerning under-sheriffs for the next year.

7. Order on report on Sir Wm. Waller's desires concerning the prizage wines, to reply that Council do not find themselves empowered to relieve him. *Annexing,*

103. *Report, signed by Fleetwood, that the Committee of Parliament for farming the customs should consider the case, and order the exemption of the prizage wines from the contract for customs.* [⅔ *page.*]

8. A certificate from the Lord Mayor of London, Sir John Berkstead, and other referees on the petition of the well-affected inhabitants of Stepney parish, referred to Desborow, Skippon, Jones, Lord-Deputy, Fiennes, and Mr. Secretary, to consult with the Counsel learned and report.

9. Jones, Strickland, Skippon, Sydenham, Desborow, and Lisle to consult with the surveyor how the house at Mortlake where the hangings are made may best be repaired, and report.

10. On petition of Capt. John Hodgson, and a certificate from the Commissioners for settling arrears of troops in Jamaica, stating that the late Capt. Nath. Bowers acknowledged a debt to Hodgson of 56*l.*, of which Mr. Hodges has paid 22*l.* 8*s.*, so that 33*l.* 12*l.* is still due, and the arrears due to Bowers are 131*l.* 12*s.*, out of which, deducting ⅓ for provisions and the 22*l.* 8*s.* already paid, 65*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* is still due —order that the sum be paid to Bowers' orders, so that Capt. Hodgson may be paid.

11. Desborow, Lisle, Fiennes, Sydenham, Strickland, Skippon, Wolsley, and Jones to consider how an augmentation of 60*l.* may best be settled on John Spencer, for his encouragement as a preacher of the Gospel.

12.* To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 20*l.* a year on the schoolmaster of Beere, in county Dorset.

13, 14. Two approvals of orders of 18 and 23 September by the Protector reported.

15. Whereas the Fortune of Amsterdam, laden with wines, and bound for Dunkirk or Ostend, if she could get in, else for Middleburg,

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was seized near Dover by the Dartmouth, a State's ship, and the wines now depend in the Admiralty Court: and whereas 2 ships of war belonging to the Comte de Charrot, governor of Calais, chased this ship to the English shore, and thereby brought her within reach of the Dartmouth; therefore he pleads that the wines would not have been taken but for his assistance;—The Protector and Council, willing to allow him some proportion, but not willing that the marine jurisdiction and territories of the State should be infringed on, or any precedent made to chase or surprise ships within this territory without license, order that the Admiralty Court allow the governor and his ships $\frac{1}{3}$ of the clear proceeds of the wines, if adjudged lawful prize, but only as a special reward in this special case. Approved 4 October. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 171–175.]

Sept. 25. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Strickland to give notice to Messrs. Lockyer, Hooke, and Howe, that his Highness has named them to preach at Whitehall next Wednesday, being the day of public humiliation and fasting.

2. Order on report from the Treasury Commissioners concerning certificates from the Commissioners for discoveries at Worcester House, that Wolsley, Sydenham, Fiennes, Desborow, Lisle, Jones, and Mr. Secretary consult herein with the Counsel learned, and report.

3. Some papers delivered to his Highness's Commissioners by the Portuguese Ambassador, and now presented by Lord Lisle, read, and to be considered next Tuesday.

His Highness present.

4. This day being appointed by desire of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London to hear the business concerning the patent for ballasting, Mr. Recorder, several aldermen, and the patentees attended Council, were heard, their desire to be further heard some other day granted, and Wednesday week appointed. Approved in person.

5. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 23 Sept. [*I.* 78, *p.* 175–7.]

Sept. 28. Whitehall. **104.** The Protector to the Admiralty Commissioners. As there is a necessity for the speedy providing of 20,000 oak pallisadoes, 12 feet long at least, and sending them to Mardike for the fortifying of that fort, you are to give directions to all the yards that every one provide such a proportion as they are able, putting all hands to work that can be had for the dispatch thereof; and as any considerable number can be ready, you are to provide vessels and send them to General Montague before that fort, and the Ordnance officers are to assist herein as there shall be need. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page. Signed by the Protector, written by Thurloe.*]

Sept. 29. **105.** Petition of Lady Margaret Lee, and Mary Lee, her daughter-in-law, to the Protector. Went 8 or 9 weeks ago to Antwerp, for the health of Margaret, who had been ill some years, and that she might put a daughter to school, to learn the language. On their return, were seized, and sent to the Tower, only because in ignorance they crossed

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the seas without a pass, having never acted against government. Margaret is very weak through imprisonment, and in danger of death. Beg release. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 29. Order thereon that Sir John Berkstead release them, on bail for their appearance, and not acting against government, or else give an account of the matter to Council. [*I.* 78, *p.* 183.]

Sept. 29. **106.** Petition of the under clerks, managers, and serjeants' deputies attending Council, to Council, for their ½ year's salary and riding charges for nearly a year, wanting money to provide for their families. [½ *page.*]

Sept. 29. Order thereon that as these arrears, and those of Dr. Walker, advocate, and Mr. Dorislaus, solicitor for Admiralty affairs, and of his Highness's watermen, amount to 3,989*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.*, the Treasury Commissioners should pay 5,000*l.* to Mr. Frost for Council's contingencies, and he pay the said claimants. [*I.* 78, *p.* 184.]

Sept. 29. **107.** Petition of Col. Rich. Lawrence to the Protector and Council. I applied 16 months ago for arrears of pay, and was referred to the Commissioners for stating accounts in Ireland to state mine, but according to their strict rules, I cannot effect this without more expense than it is worth, because of the loss of my papers. I beg your Highness therefore not to put me to certificates but to your own memory, and grant me a composition for my arrears. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

107. I. *Reasons in favour of the petition. It was my wish to attend you in Ireland that prevented me getting my English pay for* 8 *years; I was employed in managing the revenue and civil affairs in Ireland till the Commissioners landed, and then was made surveyor-general of provisions, ammunition, and stores, and was thus prevented looking after my own affairs.* [⅔ *pages.*]

107. II. *Computation from memory of my English arrears,* 18 *months as provider to the horse, and* 52 *months as marshal-general to the Army,* 1,173*l.* 4*s.* 0*d. Balance still due,* 1,020*l.* 12*s.* 0*d., from which I am willing to abate* ¼ *or* ⅓, *or what proportion you please, so that the rest may be paid.* [2 *pages.*]

107. III. *Petition of Col. Rich. Lawrence to the Protector and Council. I served* 7 *or* 8 *years in England in the late wars, and had no pay, and have been unable to look after my arrears, because of service in England and Ireland, and have had nothing except one debenture for* 230*l. I cannot receive more without special favour, being unable, through loss of papers, &c., to state my accounts. I beg* 500*l. or* 600*l. worth of lands in cos. Dublin, Kildare, and Cork, or somewhere where I and my posterity may settle, those fallen to me by lot for my Irish arrears being in the mountainous part of Limerick and Kerry, which is likely never to be safely habitable to me.* [1 *page.*]

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Sept. 29. Reference thereon to the Committee of Council for affairs in Ireland, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 187.]

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1. Order on report from the Army Committee on the petition of Major John Grove for Col. Hacker's regiment [*see* 6 *Aug.* 1657] for a letter thereon.

2. Council considered the appointment of Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers, and of ministers to assist them therein, and resolved on fit persons for the respective counties. With detailed lists of names, first of laymen and then of ministers appointed in 8 counties.

3. The question whether the said nominations should pass under the Great Seal passed in the negative.

4. The draft form of order read and approved, viz.:—

Whereas it is decreed by Act of Parliament that it is lawful for the Protector and Council to appoint additional Commissioners and ministers in the respective counties, for more effectual execution of the Act for ejecting scandalous, ignorant, and insufficient Ministers and Schoolmasters, who shall be empowered as fully as if they had been named in the Act; they have hereby appointed the aforesaid Commissioners and ministers, who are required to put the said Ordinance into effectual execution.

5. The draft of Abergavenny charter referred to Counsel learned for amendment, and then to be passed, if it contain nothing contrary to law.

7. The petition of Hen. Hene, for an order to the Trustees for sale of the late King's lands to convey to him a messuage and garden at the north end of the Tilt Yard in Greenwich parish, according to his contract, referred to Strickland, Jones, Wolsley, and Mulgrave, to report.

8. The petition of Geo. Davis, captive in Constantinople, for payment of 120*l.* for his ransom, referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to examine the state of the case, and report.

9. **108.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance Officers at the Tower to receive the backs, breasts, and pots of Gen. Desborow's regiment of horse, who are now on their march to Scotland, and give receipt to the officers who deliver them.

10. Whereas the mayor and aldermen of Hull have, by their letter of the 22nd instant, stated that the day appointed for the public fast, 30 Sept., is that fixed by charter for the election of the corporation officers, for which summons is already issued, and is also their fair time, so that they could not observe the day with the required solemnity, and request leave to postpone the day;—order that their excuse be accepted, and they allowed to appoint another day.

12. Approval of the grant by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 15*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* yearly augmentation to Hen. Parson, schoolmaster of the free school at Bridport, co. Dorset. Approved by the Protector 22 October.

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13. Order that to defray his Highness's household expenses and the cost of repairing his houses, the yearly sum of 100,000*l.* be paid into the Exchequer out of customs' money, to begin from 16 Sept., and be issued weekly, and an order advised to the Treasury Commissioners, to issue it out weekly to those appointed by his Highness.

14. On report from the Committee on the petition of Capt. Garrett Tyssen, for discharge from duty of tobacco brought from Jamaica, and from its seizure as Spanish tobacco, and on certificate of the Customs' Commissioners, and the offer of the petitioner to them to take 12*d.* a pound for all that is good and bear the loss of what is damaged:—Council, being satisfied that it is of Jamaica growth, order that it be discharged, and taken up customs and excise free, according to the privileges granted the island, 29 May 1656. Approved 4 October.

16. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay each member of Council, from time to time, the yearly sum his Highness allows them for their continual attendance on the public service, out of the first money coming in.

18. On presentation to Council by Mr. Bodurda and other members of Parliament, of a contract under the hand of 7 of the Committee of Parliament for improvement of the customs and excise revenue, made with Thos. Morris and Wm. Dodson, of Westminster, for demising the excise and new impost on all ale, beer, cider, perry, and metheglin, brewed and exciseable in Canterbury, Rochester, Dover, and Maidstone, and all co. Kent, and in Chichester and Horsham, and all co. Sussex, for 3 years, beginning 29 Sept., rent 120,500*l.*, with other covenants, which was read and approved;—order to advise his Highness to confirm the said contract. With letter to the justices of peace of Kent to assist them in their work. [*I.* 78, *p.* 842.]

19. Like order on presentation of a second contract by the same Committee with John Chabenor of Richmond, co. Surrey, Sam. Wethered of Malden, co. Essex, John Duncklyn, of Nottingham, Wm. Hawkins, of Westminster, Rich. Lloyd, of Birchall, co. Essex, and Roger Higgs, of Westminster, for a lease of the excise and new impost on the ale, &c., brewed in York city and county of the city and Ainsty, and in the East Riding, and Kingston-upon-Hull, for 3 years, beginning this day, rent 5,000*l.*, with other covenants.

23. The Committee for America to consider how best to supply the want of ministers of the gospel in Jamaica, and offer to Council such proposals as they find meet. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 177–188.]

Sept. 29. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Commissioners for Monthly Assessments, appointed by the Act of 24 November 1653, for co. Salop. Council hearing that neither Wm. Jukes, your receiver, nor his security, are able to pay in the assessments, we think you have been negligent in not appointing an able and responsible person, and not taking sufficient security, according to the directions of the Act. As the thing is not only prejudicial, but dangerous as a precedent, we require you to

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take immediate care for payment of the 825*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* due to Col. Hacker's regiment; or else such of you as appointed Jukes receiver-general, and neglected to take sufficient security, are to appear before us, to answer your neglect and contempt. [*I.* 77, *p.* 986.] *Annexing,*

109. *Report alluded to, signed by John Clerke, Jas. Philipps, and Ger. Bennett.* 14 *August* 1657. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 29. Chatham. **110.** Commissioner Peter Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I have seen your letter to Capt. Taylor, for the immediate making of as many pallisadoes as he possibly can in a short time, to be sent to Mardike, and am sorry I should not be thought worthy to have an action of that consequence imparted to me, being upon the place, before a subordinate minister, especially considering we have so many businesses in hand at present, which may easily suffer by running into confusion. If you think such courses have a tendency to the good of the service, then go on and prosper, only let me intreat that some kind of warrant may be directed to the clerk of the check and storekeeper, for entering and keeping a check of workmen, and issuing provisions, lest the service, being of so great a consequence (as is pretended) should receive interruption. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 30. Culham. **111.** John Beebey to Williamson. I ought sooner to have told you of my journey last year to the North. Your friends enquired after you, and were very kind to me. Your brother George left his chair on the bench to wait on me at my first coming to Carlisle. Your parents are well, and desire nothing so much as to see you. Private news. There are some ladies in Oxford about whom you are not civil enough to enquire, who have not been well almost 2 years, but there are great hopes of their recovery next spring, about which time we may expect you there. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 30. **112.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I send you a bill from Sir R. Hare. Private affairs; the Provost has been ill 10 days, but we hope the worst is past. Dr. Taylor preached a funeral sermon for Sir G. Dalston, with such variety of warning that we may have it in print. Now that we have taken Mardike, and 4 more regiments are sent thither, it is supposed that Dunkirk cannot hold out long. [1 *page.*]

Sept. ? **113.** List of 13 Ostend prisoners in the gaol at Plymouth, for whom the like number of English imprisoned at Ostend may be exchanged. [*Scrap.*]

Sept. ? **114.** Note by Capt. Hen. Hatsell of the expenses of 125 to 138 prisoners in Plymouth, from 8 Aug. to 19 Sept., at 4*d.* a day each; total, 94*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.* [½ *page.*]

Sept. ? **115–152.** Weekly summaries of receipts into and payments from the Exchequer, 27 December 1656 to 28 Sept. 1657, and of balances in hand. [39 *papers*, 1 *page each.*]

Sept. ? List of contracts, decrees, siesins, suspensions, acts, comprisings, hornings and inhibitions, registers of signators and charter books,

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1,609 in all, returned to Scotland from the Tower of London, by Wm. Ryley, clerk of the records, according to an order in Council of 18 September 1657. With receipt of the same, signed by Sir Archibald Johnston of Wariston, clerk of the registers of Scotland. [*I.* 135, *small folio*, 64 *pp.*]

Sept. ? "A brief collection of the several heads of the Acts and Ordinances of the Scottish nation, and of the large treaties and other treaties and transactions between the two nations of England and Scotland, as likewise the several Acts, supplications, and desires of the General Assembly of Scotland, concerning Religion, King and Kingdom, Church government, their faith and covenant, their proceedings therein, and ratifications thereof by their Parliaments, with divers declarations, remonstrances, and resolutions thereupon; with their several levies and preparations for war, and commissions and instructions to their Commander-in-chief. Selected out of the Records of the Parliaments of Scotland (now remaining in the Tower of London), beginning the 15th day of May 1639, and ending the 8th of March 1650." By William Ryley, senior, clerk of the Records in the Tower. [*I.* 136, *small folio. All the documents noticed are printed at full in the Acts of Parliament of Scotland. This brief collection was made for Rushworth, before the return of the Records to Scotland, and is alluded to by him in his Collections, Vol. III., p.* 1,041.]

Sept. ? Copy or draft of the part of the preceding volume, from 4 June 1644 to 9 July 1650. [*I.* 137, *parcel not bound.*]

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Oct. 1. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Wolsley added to the Committee on petitions of creditors and servants of the late King, Queen, and Prince.

His Highness present.

2. Fiennes added to the Committee on Payne Fisher's petition.

3. Lord Lisle was called in, and Fiennes read a paper from the Great Seal Commissioners, concerning the charter for the East India Company, and then Lisle withdrew.

4. Resolved, on reading the Privy Seal for the said charter,—

(1.) That the limitation for the laws, by-laws, &c., for governing the Company be according to former charters.

(2.) That the clause for exercising martial law be omitted in the patent and granted by special commission.

(3.) That a clause be inserted for his Highness to have power to recall the same if he see cause.

(4.) The clause granting immunity from customs of tonnage and poundage as granted by King James' charter, and freeing from custom and imposition such victuals, ammunition, and necessaries as they think fit to transport,

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to be omitted for the present, and, as was directed touching pepper, to be granted by special Privy Seal.

(5.) To advise his Highness to pass the charter as thus amended.

6. Whereas by Privy Seal of 26 June 1656, it was recommended to his Highness and Council to hear the parties concerned in 2 of their orders,—one touching his Highness's regiment of foot at James's, and the officers and soldiers formerly under Col. Gervase Benson; the other on behalf of Major Wm. Hill, of Guildford,—and to settle the differences between them, the petitions of the 2 parties are referred to Strickland, Jones, and Skippon, to report.

7. Order on report of the Treasury Commissioners on the petition of the inhabitants of Hampsted Norris, co. Berks [*see* 3 *March* 1657], for a warrant to pay Anne, widow of John Lewin, their late minister, 75*l.* arrears of an augmentation of 50*l.* for 1½ years ending Michaelmas 1656, heretofore granted by the Commissioners for Sequestration, co. Berks. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 189–191.] *Annexing,*

1. *Report of the Treasury Commissioners alluded to.* 26 *May* 1657. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. $\frac{1}{11}$. Bruges. ——— to [Sec. Thurloe]. This is my 4th asking to come over, but I fear my letters do not reach you, as I have not heard from you for 6 months, whereas you promised I should hear every two months. It would be better if I wrote you direct. This is my fourth through Mr. Rowe.

King Charles here is still in the old condition of want, with little hope of amendment. The gaining of Mardike makes us hang down our heads. If the French had done what they might, they had gained more garrisons. Don John is at Nieuport, which cannot hold out long, and then Dunkirk is beleagured. Ormond lies at Ferne, the Duke of York near Dunkirk. The French have such a faction here that this place would not hold out 3 days, and then no forces could be shipped hence this winter, as we intended. It is thought the Duke of York will go into Dunkirk. King Charles is expected here daily, and it is thought Don John will winter here. [1⅓ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

Oct. $\frac{2}{12}$. Dunkirk. **2.** John Arden to Wm. Smythson, mariner, Unicorn Alley, St. George's-in-the-Fields, Southwark. I was glad to hear of your safe arrival, as also of the great care you took for clearing Cornelius Vermote. I gave great confidence to your letter, as the Commissioners had sent an order to Capt. Hatsell at Plymouth to clear him; yet 8 prisoners came over by the last packet from Plymouth, but Vermote was not one of them, and has written his wife that he has never heard from you, nor anything about his freedom, at which I much wonder, seeing what you have written me. His wife made complaint to the Admiralty Judges here, who sent for me. I showed them your letter, and they have given me 14 days to receive an answer from you to this letter; if Vermote does not come home, they say I shall pay the money or go to prison. I therefore hope you will not let me suffer, considering what I have done for you. All your fellow prisoners are

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here still, and return you many thanks for your love remembered to them. I send this by George Bayley, as also a copy of my last letter sent to you to London. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 3. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings in his Highness's lodgings.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. Order on the President's report that several of the Committee of Parliament for improving the revenue of Customs and Excise have presented a contract they made with Esau Risby and Rob. Williams, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, for a lease of the excise and new impost on all ales, &c., brewed in cos. Gloucester and Somerset and their cities, for 3 years from 29 Sept., at 18,000*l.* a year,—to advise his Highness to confirm it.

2. Same order concerning a similar contract with John Chabenor, of Richmond, Surrey, and 5 others named, [*see p.* 113 *supra*] for Leeds, Halifax, and the West and North Riding of co. York, for 3 years from 25 March next, at 11,500*l.* a year.

3.* **3.** The Admiralty Commissioners to advise with Capt. Pett and others about building 2 galleys for towing ships in and out of the Thames, and have them built at once.

4. Sir Arthur Heselrigge and —— Heselrigge added to the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers.

5.* **4.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order that Geo. Payler have a gratuity of 150*l.* for his services mentioned in an order of June 6, like the other Navy Commissioners, and that he have a like allowance to theirs.

6. The 600*l.* allowed by Privy Seal to Thos. Dunn for salary and other allowance to pass without fee.

7. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders 24 to 29 Sept. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 191–3.]

Oct. 3. **5.** "Mr. Roper's description of the Antiquities of the Hall of Kedleston," [co. Derby] viz., the coats of arms in the several windows, brasses, arms, and inscriptions in the church, chiefly of the Curzon family. With particulars relating to the family. [6¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 3. **6.** Geo. Bland to Major Beake. The names of the 5 persons whose freedom I have beseeched are Julian Ruis and Francisco Oleda, of St. Lucar; Juan Lopes Villa Vicencio, of Maryport; Manuel Peralta, of Illescas; and Pedro Ramires, of Cadiz. The other is called Joseph Antonio Clue, son to a Fleming that lives in Seville. I hear he is freed already. I request none else, unless you think fit to put Mr. Estwick's friend, Manuel de Soca, into this number. For the 5 aforesaid, I will oblige myself that if there be any prisoners of yours in those parts of Spain, they shall procure their freedom so soon as they get home. I request that these prisoners with whose freedom I am favoured may be ordered by themselves in a particular warrant, and not in Col. Waters', so that they may know who has done them the good office, and their friends may know I have complied with my word. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 3. York Castle. **7.** Capt. Jacques Du Jardin to the Admiralty Commissioners. The enclosed addressed to me, for the keepers of the gaol in York

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Castle, can have no favour or effect without your order, which is humbly entreated for us, enthralled in irons like felons, not suiting with soldiers, much less a captain, who no ways can impede mischances, and therefore supplicateth your Honours that he may have his irons taken off, and those of Antoine Garcia, and we shall pray for your beatitude

The keepers of the gaol in York Castle are Audry Bajock and John Thomlinson, placed here by the High Sheriff of Yorkshire, Thos. Harrison, who allows us but 2*d.* a day for bread since the abridging us of 4*d.* a day, 21 Sept. Since then many of my company have fallen sick, and will not be able long to survive with a twopenny loaf. I am confident your Honours will at least commiserate poor Christians, and shall have their prayers and mercy, showing mercy to miserable perishing men. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

7. I. *M. Gady, of Flanders, to* [*the keepers of York Castle*]. *Inasmuch as one of our captains of this town, Jaques du Jardin, was brought in prisoner* 4 *months since, and straightly put in irons with one of his men, which is a thing contrary to the law of war and the Admiralty of London,—*[*who*] *did promise to put them free from irons, yet notwithstanding I hear they are kept as formerly,—I earnestly desire your Honours to give order to do so, otherwise we cannot but use the English prisoners here after the same manner. To avoid such extremities on both sides, I again make my request for the said captain and man, that during their imprisonment, they may be well used, and if any men of your Honour's parts come to our hands here, upon your order you shall find me always to your service. Ostend,* 28*th Sept.* 1657. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 4. Hull. **8.** Lieut. John Fugill to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received yours of the 26th ult. I will be very faithful in performing your desire, but through the sickness and absence of some officers in my captain's company, by order from the Governor of Hull, I am required to reside some 10 days longer there, and then to return to my charge at Clifford's Tower. I have meantime appointed my ensign, Wm. Stainforth, whom I left in charge, to observe your commands touching the payment of the Dunkirkers, with as much care as if I were there myself, and therefore whatever orders you may send to him in my absence will be punctually obeyed. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 5. **9.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Your friends are anxious, not hearing of your welfare or receipt of the moneys. Dr. Conant is vice-chancellor, and formalities on foot again; Dr. Ward, master of Jesus. Drs. Owen and Goodwin laid aside their afternoon lectures. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 6. **10.** Petition of Major Rob. Cobbet to the Protector and Privy Council. The Prize Office has no money to pay the 2,720*l.* due to me for clothing the soldiery sent to France under Sir John Reynolds. I furnished the clothes at a lower rate than any other, have to pay interest for the money, and am threatened with arrest

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by indigent tradesmen who, having trusted me with most of their estate, cannot continue their trade, and my creditors are the more clamorous because the entire clothing is taken out of my hands, so that I am obliged to abscond till I can pay them. I beg you to preserve me from ruin by speedy payment of the 2,720*l.* [⅔ *page.*].

Oct. 6. Reference thereon to Desborow and Mr. Secretary, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 196.]

Oct. 6. Notes of petitions referred to the Committee for Petitions, their reports, all in *I.* 93, and orders in Council thereon in *I.* 78, viz.:—

Wm. Lemon, merchant of London, for a licence to transport a coach or chariot for Holland, paying custom. Report 7 Aug. 1657 in favour thereof, and order that the Commissioners of Customs permit it. [*No.* 1, *p.* 198.]

Wm. Crompton. Was sequestered for recusancy in 1644. Begs satisfaction for sheep, &c., value 1,369*l.*, taken from him in 1642 for several garrisons of Parliament. Report 7 Aug. 1657, that the report from the Treasury Commissioners be considered; and note that Council think not fit to make any order therein. [*No.* 4, *p.* 198.]

And. Headly, of North Hinckley, co. Berks, for a brief for a collection, his house, mill, &c., worth 9,000*l.*, being burned, as certified by several inhabitants. Report 7 Aug. 1657, and order that the Attorney-General certify whether the brief is lawful. [*No.* 7, *p.* 198.]

Inhabitants of Jersey and Guernsey. Report 7 Aug. 1657, that the former reports from the referees on appeals be considered, and determination given thereon in the following cases:—

Symons against Fautart. No order [*No.* 8].

Joshua de Carteret, in right of his wife, eldest daughter of John and Jane Lefevre, appellant against John Dumaresq and Joshua Bennet, in right of their wives, touching 2 judgments of 25 Sept. 1655. Order on report that Phil. le Geyt and 5 others, of Jersey, named by the parties, examine and determine all differences between them concerning succession, moveables, inheritance, &c., according to the laws and customs of the island, obtaining particulars from Carteret, and sending for evidences, and then divide the said property according to the right of succession between Carteret in right of his wife Jane, Dumaresq of Rachel his wife, and Bennet of Judith his wife, all daughters of Lefevre. The referees are also to see them put in possession, awarding costs and damages to those who have suffered by unjust proceedings. In case they do not agree and are equally divided, they are to choose a native to be umpire, and their decision is to be considered final. [*No.* 11, *pp.* 198–201.]

Isaac Guibault against a sentence in the Court of Guernsey to pay John Renouf 946 livres, 19 sols, 6 deniers, due on a bond, with interest a year before the war and a year since, without charges. Order by mutual consent that Renouf abate 8*l.* interest, but that the judgment be otherwise confirmed. [*No.* 9, *p.* 201.]

Peter Lefevre *v.* John Pastorell and 5 others of Guernsey. Order that a new trial be had in the Court of Guernsey, the

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defendant taking no advantage of the judgment already given. [*No.* 10, *p.* 201.]

Geo. Dumaresq *v.* Phil. Pitton, of Jersey. Order that the difference about payment of 20*l.* in part of 300 crowns due on a bond between them, be referred, by their consent, and that of Wm. Horne, merchant of Southampton, to Col. Rob. Guibon, Governor of Jersey, and 5 others chosen by them, who are to examine witnesses, give judgment, and award costs, and their sentence to be final. [*No.* 10*a*, *p.* 202.]

Ellianor, widow of Capt. Valentine Hill, slain at Wexford, Ireland, for continuance of the pension of 20*s.* a week, granted her by Parliament 20 June 1650, or a sum in lieu of it; was deceived for 1½ years by Hannah Hill, but after his Highness came from Worcester fight, obtained another order from the late Council of State in July 1653 for her pension and arrears, and had an order of 20 July 1655 for 53*l.* arrears, since which payment has been stopped;—order for a warrant for payment thereof weekly, without fees. [*No.* 36, *p.* 194.]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. Approval of a grant by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 20*l.* augmentation to Jonathan Grant, minister of Flixborough, county Lincoln. Approved by the Protector 22 October.

His Highness present.

4. The letter from Luke Killingworth and others, to whom the case of Leonard Carr, alderman of Newcastle, was referred, read, with Carr's answer and a report of March 27, and the case referred to Strickland, Wolsley, Jones, and Lord-Deputy, to read the Act of Parliament incapacitating some persons from holding public trust, and report their opinion.

6.* A report from the Committee for America of 28 September 1657 referred to same Committee, to consider the cases of persons returned from Jamaica incapable of future service on account of wounds, &c., and to report deserving cases to the Ely House and Savoy Hospitals, the committees whereof are to allow them suitable pensions.

7.* Order—on report of the Lord-Deputy from the Committee on Petitions of the petition of Rich. Nunn and others for the inhabitants of Bungay, county Suffolk—that Phil. Bedingfield, Esq., Phil. Bedingfield, Gent., and Rob. Davy, of county Norfolk, and Wm. Gooch, and Humphrey, and Fras. Brewster, of county Suffolk, call before them the persons appointed by letters patents to order the moneys collected for relief of the damnified inhabitants of Bungay, with John Vernon, patentee and treasurer, examine all documents, and see that the inhabitants have full satisfaction.

9.* Col. Geo. Crompton and Capt. Thos. Harrison added to the Committee for ejecting scandalous and ignorant Ministers and Schoolmasters.

10. Order, on report from the Committee on Wm. Stuart's petition concerning the residue of 1,500*l.* granted by Ordinance of Parliament

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to his father Henry, for losses by an unjust sentence in the Star Chamber of Ireland, that the same Committee reconsider the matter according to this day's debate, speak with the parties concerned, and report.

11.* On petition of Col. John Hodder, for himself and the 6 companies lately under his command at Cork, which were raised from amongst the citizens, and never received any army pay as was promised, although they were in constant service under Hodder or Col. Phaire and Maj. Denison, and the matter has been referred from one committee to another :—Order that 20*l.* in hand, and 20*s.* weekly till 25 March next, be paid to Capt. Wm. Bowles, who has long solicited the matter.

18. The business concerning captives referred to the Committee for Preservation of Customs, with power to issue money as formerly, giving account thereof. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 194–8, 203.]

Oct. 7. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

His Highness present.

1. On Gen. Desborow's report from the Committee of Parliament for improvement of custom and excise of a contract made with Esau Risby and Robt. Williams of St. Andrew's parish, Holborn, for a lease of the excise and new impost on ale, beer, perry, cider, mead, or metheglin, in the town and county of Poole, co. Dorset, the county and city of Lincoln, and city and Isle of Ely, co. Cambridge, for 3 years from next 25 March, the contract being dated 7 Oct., at the yearly rent of 14,600*l.*, with other compacts;—his Highness to be advised to approve the contract.

2. The part of the contract signed by the Committee, both of this and the rest of the contracts of like nature, to be delivered back to parties contracting.

3. After long hearing, in presence of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, of the case between the City of London and Geo. Boreman and others about the ballasting office, order that Lord Lisle, Lord Chief Justice Glynn, and Serj. Earle be at Council at 8 a.m. to-morrow. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 203, 204.]

Oct. 7. Chatham Dockyard. **11.** Commissioner Peter Pett and Capt. Jno. Taylor to the Admiralty Commissioners. In July last you were pleased to imprest 1,000*l.* to the Governors of the Chest at Chatham, towards payment of wounded seamen, &c., whose pensions at the latter end of June last came to 2,500*l.* As we were sensible of the many urgent occasions you had at that time for money for carrying on those great and weighty services then in hand, yet were willing to comply with the necessities of those poor people as far as we could, we forbore troubling you at that time, and made payment of that money as far as it would go, seeing it paid away ourselves, both at London and here.

Now that sum did not discharge half the arrears of that time, and there is now another quarter due, besides many other things

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intervening, which necessitates us, though very unwillingly, to give you this trouble of importunity for money, lest the guilt of many of these poor creatures perishing (who have nothing else to live upon) should too much reflect upon us. We humbly beg that you will not take it ill our reminding you that nothing at any time has been given to help to defray this vast charge but money imprested, which is taken off as often as the Treasurer makes up his account with the Navy Committee, and we with him.

We have begged for the ruinous cathedral of Rochester to help us, and had bills drawn up to have been presented to Parliament, but Providence (it seems) afforded not that opportunity of offering them, by which means hitherto the thing has not been effected.

The land belonging to the Brethren of St. Bartholomew's, in and near Chatham, was originally for the maintenance of the poor, being of considerable value, and conveniently situated, partly on the Chest land, and partly on Sir Jno. Hawkins' Hospital, belonging to the Brethren, but having been given away (and as we fear upon a wrong information) it now lies, when the leases expire, which is near at hand, at the mercy of those Brethren, and meantime the poor pensioners are daily perishing for want of bread. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 8. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

His Highness present.

1. The Lord Mayor's invitation to Council to dine with him on 13 Oct., accepted.

2. Council to meet to-morrow morning. [*I.* 78, *p.* 204.]

Oct. 8. **12.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I have not heard from you for a month. I hope you have your bill of exchange. Sir Ralph Hare thinks long of hearing from you. Dr. Conant is chosen vice-chancellor at Oxford. Business transactions in books with M. Lerpinière. In France we had rather deal for money, looking at the benefit of exchange, but in Holland and Germany we had rather deal for books. The Protector is not pleased that the Duke of Buckingham has married Lord Fairfax's daughter. [1 *page, damaged.*]

Oct. 9. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1.* On information that several buildings have lately been raised on the wall of St. James' Park, and the builders have removed the coping of the wall in places :—Order that the Serjeant-at-arms give them notice to pull down and remove the said buildings, and repair the coping by 17 Oct. next.

2. Surveyor Embree, with Commissary Dobbins and Major Miller, two of the Commissioners for new buildings, to view the above buildings and wall, and report.

3. To advise his Highness to send Col. Fras. White to Mardike, to take charge of matters there, and to order Frost to defray his expenses by bills of exchange on Council's contingencies.

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4.* The Admiralty Commissioners to take the necessary orders to transport to Mardike, for the buildings there, 20,000 deal boards, and other materials necessary, with carpenters and masons, &c.

5*. Frost to advance Col. Fras. White 300*l.* for the services he is to undertake at Mardike.

6. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 1,000*l.*, which is to be used solely for Mardike.

7.* **13.** The two 12 ft. demi-cannons in a fort at Jersey to be removed to the Tower, and two 12 ft. iron guns sent thither from the Tower ordnance stores. The Admiralty Commissioners to give warrant to the Ordnance officers accordingly.

8.* To advise that all excise money be paid to the Navy Treasurer for the fleet's use, after Frost has received the 1,000*l.* for Mardike.

9.* **14.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Navy Treasurer to pay all money due by contract for transporting soldiers, goods, and money to Mardike. *Annexing,*

14. I. *Account by Major Bourne of the said freightage; total* 496*l.* 12*s.* 9 *November* 1657. [1 *page.*]

14. II. *Order by the Admiralty Commissioners referring the account to the Navy Commissioners, to certify, and make fit allowances.* 10 *November* 1657. [½ *page.*]

10. The petition of Col. John Humphrey, Lieut.-Col. Bland, and Major John Hilkins, for themselves and other officers employed in the American expedition, read.

11. The Committee for America to prepare the reports ordered 28 July on the wives and widows of officers and soldiers in Jamaica, and present it on Tuesday, when it and the case of the officers will be considered the first business.

13.* Col. George Payne and Jas. Desborow reporting that the goods they have taken into custody at Yarmouth,—on the order of 2 May last, to seek for goods supposed to be embezzled out of the Virgin Mary prize, and conveyed thither in the Violet pink—which they found in the house of the Lieutenant of the Yarmouth at Lowestoft, are of little value, being only 18½ oz. of coarse plate:—order that they be restored to the persons with whom they were found.

14. The report on the case of Mr. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, to be considered next Thursday.

19. On Kinnersley's report of the expenses of entertaining the Portuguese Ambassador (for which 300*l.* was allowed), viz.;—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
For provisions and incidental charges -	286	8	4¾
For servants' wages - - - -	57	12	6
For 30 large pewter dishes - - -	20	11	0
	£364	12	8¾

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Order that Frost pay Kinnersley the 64*l.* 12*s.* 8¾*d.* balance, also 30*l.* for his own care as steward, 20*l.* for Mr. Mushe, master cook, and 10*l.* to Mr. Ashwell, clerk of the kitchen. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 204–209.]

Oct. 9. Whitehall. **15.** Warrant to Serj. Edw. Dendy to apprehend George, Duke of Buckingham,—who, though excepted by the late Parliament from pardon for his treason against this Commonwealth, has come into this nation, and here remained divers months without licence—and to convey him safely to Jersey and deliver him to Col. Rob. Guibon, Governor. With writ of assistance. [*Also I.* 78, *p.* 209. *Also I.* 114, *p.* 101.]

Oct. 9. Warrant to Col. Rob. Guibon to receive the said Duke into his charge, and keep him in safe custody in the securest place in the island, till further orders. [*I.* 78, *p.* 209; *I.* 114, *p.* 101.]

Oct. 9. Raby Castle. **16.** Account by an agent, not named, of transactions with tenants relative to payment of rents, renewing of leases, &c. [on the estate of Sir Hen. Vane.] [3 *pages.*]

Oct. 10. Whitehall. **17.** Petition of Jno. Read, late steward of the Worcester, to the Protector. Divers high crimes and misdemeanours have been committed by Robt. Nixon, late captain of that ship, and a time was appointed by the Navy Commissioners for hearing thereof, but it has now elapsed, they not being empowered to examine upon oath without order. Capt. Nixon is a powerful man, and has threatened both prosecutors and witnesses, but petitioner engages to prove upon oath that he and his accomplices have defrauded his Highness and the State of above 100,000*l.*, and that they ought to make restitution, and be criminally punished. Beseeches his Highness to refer the matter to the Admiralty Commissioners, to send for and examine Capt. Nixon and his accomplices, and order them to make satisfaction, or if they stand upon a legal trial, to refer the case (being for crimes and plunder done at sea) to the Admiralty Commissioners, who can arrest and cause them to put in bail to abide the judgment; or else that they may be otherwise proceeded against as to justice shall appertain, so that vice may be suppressed, the scandal done by them removed, and by their punishment, an example set to deter others from doing the like. With reference thereon to the Admiralty Commissioners. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

17. I. *Petition of the same to the Admiralty and Navy Commissioners. Long details of charges against Capt. Nixon, for cruelty in beating him and putting him into irons, and for ordering the bread to be given to the swine. Also against John Ogle, the master, for misconduct in reference to the stowage of provisions on board, by which quantities of bread and cheese were spoiled.*

On 18 *Sept.* 1656, *the captain would have him tried for contempt of authority, and told all his officers, then sitting with him, that if they would not join with him in it, he would complain of them, and have them all turned out of their places; but upon the trial, they found petitioner*

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Oct. 10. *never said as alleged, this notwithstanding; as the captain could not get him whipped, he made him stand 2 hours at the capstan, stripped naked to the waist, with a whip hanging at his back, and both his arms tied to the bars; and the officers not assenting, he again ordered him to be put in irons for 2 hours, and by his written paper, read before the mainmast, proclaimed him a contemner of the authority of the Commonwealth, a sentence more grievous to him than death.*

Capt. Nixon greatly added to his ill-conduct in the engagement at Santa Crux on April 20, 1657, not only in leaving his lieutenant-boatswain and others on board a Spanish ship, which he sent them to fire, but in taking their boat away, and going with it, in person, to plunder other prize ships; he brought from thence a great store of copper, with thousands of ells of linen cloth and other rich commodities, and left his own ship unmanned by drawing the greater part of the men after him, who, seeing the captain gone, made haste to get out at ports after him, throwing their lighted matches so carefully about the gun deck, that 2 fell down the scuttle where the powder was handed out, greatly endangering the blowing up of the ship. The Spaniards seeing the men run away in such great numbers, and the frigate make such small resistance, prepared to sink her, and placed a shot underneath her bow port, another in her mainmast, shot her cable asunder, and drove her on the Spanish shore, amongst their flaming ships, pouring their shot amongst those left on board, who stood over the ship's side with stretched out arms, crying and calling for help for 2 or 3 hours together, and neither men nor boat on board to help themselves, so that had not the Bristol's boat brought them off, with the loss of 2 of their men, they had perished.

Yet the captain, supposing petitioner had been one of them, and seeing the Lieutenant and the rest in such distress, kneeled on the gun deck, and desired that God's curse and theirs might light on the head of him by whom the lieutenant and the rest perished; he also sorely beat petitioner, and falsely charged him with running from his quarter, and would have whipped him, had he not been told that he had been instrumental in saving the ship and men, as the 2 matches that fell down where the powder was were so dangerous that none below dared to venture to take them up, and that petitioner ran with some water in a lanthorn, and quenched them, and wetted his bed, and laid it under the scuttle, to prevent like dangers.

Prays an enquiry into the truth of the matters, and an order to the captain to make him satisfaction, agreeable to his many and great sufferings; also detention of the captain and master's pay until satisfaction has been made for the provisions. Also that the captain may be

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questioned for leaving his ship at the time of the engagement, and that the widows and orphans of those slain, may be provided for, out of the plunder or estate of the captain. [*Large sheet, closely written.*]

17. II. *Reply by Capt. Robt. Nixon and Jno. Ogle to the above, in 9 allegations, entitled, "The accuser accused, or an answer to that false and scandalous information laid by Jno. Read, late steward of the Worcester frigate, against the captain and master of the said frigate."* [*1 sheet damaged.*]

17. III. *Note that Friday week is appointed to hear all the witnesses, and that the messenger is to summon them to attend, and that Read is to prove his statements respecting the beer, and the allowance of bread to the hogs.* [*1 page.*]

17. IV. *Deposition of Theophilus Sacheverell, purser of the Worcester, before Wm. Harrington, doctor of laws, and master in Chancery, that Capt. Robt. Nixon several times declared to him that he expected to have the 2 ounces of bread (usually allowed by the State for the pursers of their ships for draftage and waste) for the use of his hogs, and other creatures, and did, in downright terms, tell deponent that it was allowed for the accommodation of the captain, and that if he had any creatures on board the ship to expend it on, neither purser or steward should have the benefit of it, and that he and his servants during the voyage took up the said 2 ounces of bread for the use of his hogs, sheep, and other creatures, as his own right.* 16 *Oct.* 1657. [*1 page.*]

17. V. *Like deposition of Jno. Read before the same, to similar effect, and further that in the last voyage, he delivered to Capt. Nixon or his servants* 15,000 *lbs. of bread for his hogs, sheep, and other creatures.* 10 *Oct.* 1657. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

17. VI. *Like deposition of Thos. Cornish, Jno. Mallard, Jno. Ogle, master, and Jno. Gardener, his mate, before the Navy Commissioners, denying that there was ever any waste or concealment of beer, wine, or bread, or that any other than mouldy bread and the dust thereof were ever given to the hogs and sheep, save at the commencement of the voyage, when the damaged could not be got at, and then at only* 14 *ounces to the pound, when but for that they must have starved.* 2 *Oct.* 1657. [*2 pages.*]

17. VII. *Like deposition of Wm. Theedham and Wm. Neale, before Dr. Harrington.* 16 *Oct.* 1657. [*1 page.*]

Oct. 12. Clifford's Tower, York. **18.** Ensign Wm. Stainforth to the Admiralty Commissioners. I never had the charge of the seamen prisoners, as you suppose, but the gaoler; they have all the Castle to themselves, while we have only the Tower, which is a distance off, and I never meddled with them except there was any opposition or attempt to escape. As to their complaint of being shortened of their allowance of 4*d.* a day, I

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find that since Cornet Merry left off paying them, he having no more money in hand, the High Sheriff directed the gaoler to pay them 2*d.*, till further order, which has since gone on, but having now received order from Lieut. Fugill, he will pay them 4*d.*; they expect that what is behind should also be paid. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 13. **19.** Petition of Capt. Wm. Peverell to the Protector and Privy Council. Major-Gen. Lilburne's regiment of horse being ordered to march for Scotland, I am left behind to receive their pay, as they much want money to pay their quarters in their way thither. I beg an order to the Army Committee to issue warrants to pay them equally with the other regiments ordered for Scotland, which is till 28 Sept. last. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 13. **20.** Reference thereon to the Army Committee, to report. [½ *page; also I.* 78, *p.* 212.]

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1. Order on Jessop's report on the case of Dan. Wynn [*see* 22 *Sept.* 1657]—that he was paid to 18 August 1656; that from 1 Oct. 1656, 3*s.* a day was allowed to each regiment attending the guards at the Mews, Whitehall, and James's, to 1 May 1657; that 9*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* is due to him therefor, which, with his salary of 20*s.* for 59 weeks, makes 68*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*—for payment thereof out of the Army's contingencies. *Annexing,*

21. *Report alluded to.* [1⅓ *page.*]

2. To advise an order to the Army Treasurers to pay to the Colonels of the regiments guarding the Mews, Whitehall, and St. James's, the usual allowance of 3*s.* a day per regiment for fire and candle, for the ensuing 7 months.

4, 5. Approval of the additional augmentation of 20*l.* to Mr. Prig, Minister of Ashford, co. Kent, in addition to the 30*l.* formerly ordered, and 30*l.* for John Green, Minister of Tonsteed, co. Norfolk. Approved by the Protector 22 October.

6. Wm. Swann to prosecute the suit in the Exchequer Court against Mr. Lapthorne, with like privileges as other suits in his Highness's name and behalf.

His Highness present.

9. Lisle, Wolsley, Pickering, Jones, Strickland, Fiennes, and Mr. Secretary to be a Committee to treat with the Portuguese Ambassador.

10. Order on a bill of 565*l.* from Geo. Alkington, for a jewel for Gen. Blake, that 10*l.* be added for his care in buying the diamonds, and that the Admiralty Commissioners order payment of the 575*l.* Approved in person. *Annexing,*

22. *Bill alluded to for a jewel containing* 46 *diamonds, set in a gold and crystal case, with a portraiture of his Highness; total* 565*l.* [¾ *page.*]

12. The Treasury business to be considered first on Thursday morning, and Desborow to make his report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 210–212.]

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Oct. 14. **23.** Petition of Lord Montgomery to the Protector. In obedience to your Act of favour to excepted persons in Scotland, I paid ½ the fine laid on me, after exact survey of my estates, but I was on misinformation ordered to pay 1,400*l.* more for the estate of my father, who suffered 2 years' sequestration. I can have no benefit of his estate during his life or afterwards, except at his pleasure, yet the Council in Scotland cannot relieve me; I therefore beg your abatement of the 1,400*l.* [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

23. I. *General Monk to the Protector. Lord Montgomery begs me to write on his behalf,* 1,400*l. being laid upon him more than was first intended, which he thinks very hard, and truly I think so, though it was carried by a majority of the Council. His father's family, both the Earl of Eglinton, and all his sons, have heretofore been very serviceable to the Parliament of England. His estate has been long sequestered, and they are in a hard condition. If you will abate the fine, you will oblige a family who have carried themselves well, and are much beloved amongst the most religious people in Scotland, and it will be looked on as a charitable act. Pray pardon my boldness herein.* 28 *Sept.* 1657. *Dalkeith.* [1 *page.*]

Oct. 14. President Lawrence to the Lord President and Council in Scotland. Recapitulation of the above petition and letter. Council will not do anything till they know the grounds of imposing the additional fine, and whether you know of anything rendering Lord Montgomery incapable of favour. You are therefore to write us thereon, and especially about his having no interest in his father's estate. [*I.* 77, *p.* 989; *I.* 78, *p.* 214.]

Oct. 14. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

His Highness present.

1. A paper from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning money for navy affairs read, and referred to Jones, Lord Deputy, Mr. Secretary, Wolsley, Lisle, and Desborow, to consider the 1st and 3rd proposals, and report.

2. **24.** The Admiralty Commissioners to bring into the said Committee a state of the present debts of the navy, and estimates of the growing charges for the ensuing year.

3. The Treasury Commissioners to take effectual order that the 6,000*l.* ordered 4 August last, to the steward of the household, in full of the last moiety of 12,000*l.* by which it had exceeded the ordinary allowance, be paid out of the first moneys that come in from the Prize Office, any former order or warrant for paying other moneys before it notwithstanding.

4. Order on report on a contract from the Committee of Parliament for improvement of revenue of excise and custom, dated 9 October 1657, with Thos. Williams of Oxford, Thos. Wagstaffe of Stoke, co. Warwick, and John Huntingford of Bromley, co. Middlesex, for 2 leases, one of excise on beer, &c., in cos. Derby and Nottingham, for the half-year from September 29, for 3,250*l.*, and

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the other, in the same places, for 3 years from March 25 next, at 10,300*l.* a year, to advise that it be confirmed.

5. Order that the receivers appointed by his Highness for moneys arising on the Act for preventing multiplicity of buildings in and about London put in security before the Barons of Exchequer in 10,000*l.*, for their faithful performance of their trust, according to a proviso in the Act. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 213–5.]

Oct. 15. **25.** Petition of Geo. Wilson and others to Council, for a piece of hanging of the Story of the King of Assyria, containing 39 ells, in the custody of Mr. Kinnersley. They contracted 16 November 1651 for divers parcels of the late King's goods, and paid 5*s.* an ell for the above. Beg that they may be satisfied out of the money in the hands of Hum. Jones, the treasurer, if they cannot have the hanging. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 15. Order thereon, that Mr. Kinnersley give an account of the business to Council. [*I.* 78, *p.* 215.]

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2. On petition of the bailiffs, aldermen, &c., of Great Yarmouth, for the merchants and fishermen,—that they have sustained great loss by the Act passed for their benefit, permitting transport of fish to other countries in foreign ships, on account the omission of a word in the Act, which says, "manned with any persons whatsoever," instead of "manned with foreign persons," as the former would bring a great burden on the merchants and fishermen, and destroy the fishery, instead of being to their benefit as intended:—Order that the Customs' Commissioners take entries of the fish laden by natives in native ships, and respite the duties on bond for their payment 10 February next.

3. Like order on a similar petition from the merchants, seamen, and fishermen of co. Cornwall, showing that the said Act enforces, by an accident in wording, that native fishermen pay the same duty on fish as foreigners.

5. The charges expended by the high sheriff of co. York in maintaining Spanish prisoners to be allowed him on his account in the Exchequer.

9. Order—on second reading of the Portuguese ambassador's paper of 23 September,—that consideration thereof be resumed next Tuesday, his Highness and Council to receive notice.

10. Scobell and Jessop's report on the account of Thos. Simons, graver of the Mint, &c., read, and referred to the Clerks of Council, to learn the rates and values of the particulars contained, and report.

13. **26.** Order on a representation from the Committee for maimed soldiers,—that the Admiralty Commissioners have stayed their weekly allowance from the excise and customs from 24 September last, which will produce much clamour, on account of the necessities of the persons concerned—that the said Commissioners order the payments to be made as formerly. *Annexing,*

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26. I. *Representation alluded to, adding that, as their power determines on the 15th instant, unless some speedy course be taken, the cries of the poor will be many. Ely House, 14 October* 1657. [¾ *page.*]

14. The Committee on Ely House to meet to-morrow morning, and the Committee authorised to manage that business to proceed therein for 14 days from the end of the month mentioned in an order of 17 September last, according to their powers then given.

15. Order, on Jones' report concerning payment of the steward of his Highness's household, that he receive weekly pay in future, and that the money for the 3 weeks' arrears be paid for the navy's use, and a patent be prepared for the payment of the arrears, on consideration how it may be provided for by another Great Seal. [*J.* 78, *pp.* 215–220.]

Oct. 15. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the Justices of Peace of co. York. The Committee of Parliament for improvement of the revenue of customs and excise having made a contract for it in your county, which is confirmed by his Highness and Council, they request you assist the farmers in the management of their contract when they apply for aid, that the affair may be carried on with all due respect to the service. [*J.* 78, *pp.* 219, 842.]

Oct. 16. Pembroke. **27.** Rich. Browne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I hear from Capt. Hodges that 2 seamen were lately in this harbour, who ran away from the Providence on the coast of Spain, and came home as passengers in a small Bristol vessel; one of them had a rich cup supposed to be worth 2,000*l.*, and the other a number of diamonds and precious stones. They were made drunk, and the cup was bought by Mr. Bayley, master of the Lizard, and the business is huddled up, but Mr. White has a part in the cup; some of the stones were taken out and sent to Bristol, to ascertain their value. The other man had his diamonds and stones stolen out of his pocket, as is said, but I fear they are in some underhand custody. Having only been home two days, I have not been able to enquire further into the business, but will do so, and send an account, as also observe any commands you may send in the matter. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 16. Wadham College. **28.** Testimonial by Dr. John Wilkins to the good character and ability for public service of Hum. Newton, of All Souls' College, Oxford. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 16. **29.** Bill for Canary and claret wine supplied to Viscount Conway 23 June and 1 Aug. 1657, total 15*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.* With receipt 16 Oct. of 10*l.* on account. [1¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 20. **30.** Petition of Mary Cosins to the Protector. You ordered my banished father's library, then at Peterhouse, for the maintenance of his distressed children, but on Dr. Seaman's petition, you ordered us recompence some other way. During attendance I have spent my own little estate, and contracted debt to keep my poor sisters from perishing, and I hope soon to mature some ways to help them

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without being chargeable to you; but meantime I beg a warrant for 200*l.* payable in 6 months, to pay those who have my sisters in charge, and I will not trouble you again till I can offer something for the public advantage as well as my private interest. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 20. Order thereon for a warrant, to be issued gratis, to pay her 20*s.* a week for her sisters' maintenance till further order. [*I.* 78, *p.* 222.]

[Oct. 20.] **31.** Petition of Wm. Mills, messenger to the Drury House Trustees, to the Protector and Council. In service of Parliament I was dangerously wounded, disabled, and brought very low, when the Trustees took me as messenger from their first sitting, for which 80*l.* salary is due to me for 4 years ending 9 Dec. 1656; for this I had a warrant to the Treasurer, but cannot be paid, because all moneys are to be paid into the Exchequer. I beg an order for payment notwithstanding. With reference 2 June 1657 to the Privy Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

31. I., II. *Certificates by the Drury House Trustees to his good conduct, and to the salary due to him.* 7 *Feb.* 1657. [2 *papers.*]

[Oct. 20.] **32.** Like petition to Council, for the same order for payment as granted last December, to John Hopkins, his fellow-servant. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 20. Order on report by a Committee of Council for payment of the 80*l.* without fees. [*I.* 78, *p.* 223.] *Annexing,*

33. *Report alluded to, not signed.* [1 *page.*]

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His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. The petition of René Augier read.

2. The Lord Deputy, Strickland, Fiennes, Mulgrave, Pickering, Mr. Secretary, and Lisle, to consider the proposals of René Augier, speak with his son, and report.

3. **34.** The petition and proposals of the master, wardens, and assistants of the Company of Gunmakers of London referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to act or report their opinion.

4. The petition of the Governor and Company of Levant Merchants, and of Sir Sackville Crow, Bart., referred to Fiennes, Lisle, Sydenham, Mr. Secretary, and Jones, to hear both sides, and report.

6. The Treasury Commissioners to consider what officers are necessary to be continued for the sale of delinquents' estates, and report what should be their salaries, and discharge the remainder.

7. Like order as to the officers at Worcester House and Gurney House.

8, 9. The Committee for America to meet to-morrow, Col. Sydenham added thereto, and they are to consider what was now offered about the wives of soldiers sent to France, and report.

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11.* Order on petition of the mayor, aldermen, and other inhabitants of Newark-on-Trent, and of the officers and soldiers of Commissary-Gen. Whalley's troops, now quartering there,—that John Jones be allowed to continue his fortnightly ministrations there, as Maj.-Gen. Whalley formerly commanded him,—that it be allowed, and Mr. Hawkes, the incumbent, be informed hereof.

12. Order, on report from a Committee of Council on the petition of Chas. Roswell, solicitor to the [Drury House] Trustees for Sale of delinquents' lands, for payment, from the first moneys that come into the Exchequer from Drury House, of 320*l.*, his salary for 4 years ended 9 Dec. 1656. *Annexing,*

35. *Report alluded to, stating that he is in arrears because, by the orders of* 11 *Oct.* 1655 *and* 26 *March* 1656, *all Drury House moneys are paid into the Exchequer.* [1 *page.*]

14. Jones reports from the Committee on the paper from the Admiralty Commissioners.

(1.) That his Highness's warrant under the Great Seal to pay the steward of the household 100,000*l.* a year at the weekly rate of 1,923*l.* 1*s.* 6¼*d.*, should be made void.

(2.) That the 5,769*l.* 4*s.* 6¾*d.* due for the last 3 weeks, be paid to the Navy Treasurer, for navy purposes.

(3.) That another warrant under the Great Seal to pay the arrears out of any but customs and excise money in the Exchequer be passed, also to continue the weekly payments as above out of Customs' moneys, the first payment to be on Oct. 21.

15.* The towns of Calverton and Woodborough, co. Notts, being one parish, and Hen. Walker, the incumbent, preaching in each on alternate Sundays,—order that John James, a godly and able preacher, preach in each on the vacant Sundays.

16. Council to meet this afternoon on the Ambassador of Portugal's paper. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 220–225.]

Oct. 21. The Essex, Downs. **36.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have ordered the 35 French prisoners to be taken up to Deptford by Capt. Greenley, as also the prize, and have put the boys that were prisoners on shore, to get passage home. I have also appointed the Great President to convoy the Bordeaux ships, to call at Weymouth and Plymouth for others bound there, and to bring back any bound for England. The Assistance has gone by his Highness's order with Lady Vavasour for Dieppe, and is to bring back the Countess of Holland; the messenger just come from his Highness has been sent over to Mardike, as also a letter to the Vice-Admiral to send for the 2 vessels at Calais. The Convert has gone as convoy to the vessel with horses and carts from Dover to Mardike, and on her return, I will send to Portsmouth for that convoy, there being no other ship at present fit for that service.

The Vice-Admiral sent the Dartmouth to the Brill for a horse for his Highness, but she was put back by the easterly winds; she has again sailed. A vessel has been lost on the Goodwin. Hearing

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that there are 6 sail of Dunkirkers lying off Seine Head, I have sent out the Adventure and Expedition to look after them. No provisions have yet arrived. I beg your order as to 2 ketches attending upon the London and Dunbar, their contracts having expired. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 21. **37.** Saml. Windis to the Admiralty Commissioners. It is now 3 years since I expected satisfaction for my loss by the provisions, &c., that I was bound in a bond of 600*l.* to provide between 1 March 1652 and 1 Sept. 1653. The ships that should have taken them were upon the coast, but being unexpectedly sent away to other ports by Lord Fleetwood, I was constrained to pay the country for what I had contracted for, and was 220*l.* 15*s.* out of pocket upon that account. The gentlemen contractors are both engaged and willing to procure me an allowance from you, seeing I have had no employment for 3 years, and I have a wife and 6 children, whom I have removed 3 times between London and Liverpool, being desirous of planting myself in Ireland.

When I have applied to your honours, you have always said that you had not to do with me, but that the victuallers should make me an allowance; they would allow me if you would enable them. Capt. Alderne being sick and having since died, and other things intervening, have caused my continual attendance, to my ruin and impoverishment. I have had to borrow, and if I receive every penny, I shall be no gainer by it. I hope you will be moved by my sad condition, and make me expeditious despatch. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 22. **38.** Petition of Sir Hum. Bennet to Council. After a long and close imprisonment, I received liberty for one month, which has much conduced to my health, having contracted grievous diseases in my imprisonment. I beg 6 months longer, to make provision for going to Surinam to a plantation there, and to provide before I go for my children, and for payment of my debts, I giving security to do nothing prejudicial. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 22. Order thereon giving him 3 months more, on security then to render himself prisoner, and in 6 months to embark for America, which the Lieutenant of the Tower is to permit him to do. [*I.* 78, *p.* 226.]

Oct. 22. **39, 40.** Petition of the major part of the Common Council, churchwardens, and divers inhabitants of Botolph's Without, Aldgate, London, to the Protector. We thank you for your eminent favours, and feel bound, in duty to God and the peace of the nation, to tell you that Mr. Crofton still continues an enemy to the present government, daily preaches against it, and tries to render it odious and contemptible, preparing the rude multitude for insurrection. We beg that he may be removed, and our parish settled under a ministry fearing God and honouring the government, without fomenting dissensions in Church or State. 94 signatures, 3 being by mark. [¾ *page, and a long column of signatures.*]

Oct. 22. The above petition, additional articles against Zachary Crofton, and the former articles against him, referred to the Commissioners

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for ejection of scandalous Ministers in London, to proceed against him according to the Ordinance. [*I.* 78, *p.* 232.]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. A draft warrant about printing, and a paper of reasons for passing the same, referred to Mr. Secretary, Jones, Sydenham, Lisle, and Fiennes, to report.

2. Order on information about an erroneous book printed by Livewell Chapman, denying the moral law and covenant of grace, that the same Committee examine a copy, and order the printing of it to be stopped, lest it should prove to contain dangerous matter.

3. The Lieutenant of the Tower to extend the leave of a month's absence from prison, granted last 22 Sept. to Lord Willoughby, to the end of Michaelmas term, on fit security.

His Highness present.

5.* Order on report from the Committee on the petition of Cols. John Fiennes and Edm. Temple [*see* 7 *April* 1657]—that 944*l.* 15*s.* 1¾*d.* and 1,089*l.* 1*s.* 6¾*d.* are respectively due to them, for which they will discover several concealed estates in Ireland—that for their encouragement, they be allowed ½ of their discoveries not exceeding 2,033*l.* 16*s.* 8½*d.*, the sum of their accounts; if the discovery be in lands, the moiety thereof to be leased to them for 99 years; the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland to proportion the sums discovered, and grant the leases as they think fit, and give orders for payment. [*See* 10 *Nov.* 1657.] *Annexing,*

41, 41. I. *Report signed by Nath. Fiennes, on which the above order is founded.* [2 *copies.*]

41. II. *Shorthand notes of proceedings in the Committee of Council on the case.* 24 *Sept.* 1655. [½ *page.*]

8.* Order on report from the Committee on the distribution of revenue designed for the forces, that of the 35,000*l.* assessment money in England, 8,000*l.* a month should be paid for the forces in Ireland, 11,400*l.* for those in Scotland, and the remainder for those in England—that the Army Committee have orders to carry out the same, and allot the said sums to Ireland and Scotland, over and above the 9,000*l.* and 6,000*l.* allotted to them before.

9. The report from the Committee on the petition of the Turkey Company and Sir Sackville Crow read, but Council does not think fit to interpose, and stop the course of law wherein the matter now is.

10.* The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* on Robt. Ottie, lecturer at Beccles, co. Suffolk.

11*. To add 19 new members, officers, aldermen, &c. (names given) to the Commissioners for ejection of scandalous Ministers, and 14 other ministers (names given) to assist them, and an order to be printed accordingly.

13. To advise his Highness to confirm under the Great Seal the contract presented by the Committee of Parliament on improve-

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ment of revenue and excise, with John Carey, Dancer Hancock, and John Birkenshaw, of Westminster, for a lease of the excise on beer, &c., in the city and co. of Chester, for 3 years, at 3,200*l.* a year.

14. The same for a contract with Hum. Mackworth, Shrewsbury, co. Salop, for the same in co. Lancaster, for 3½ years, at 4,650*l.* year.

15.* The Trustees for maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* a year on Seth Ward, D.D., as lecturer on astronomy in the University of Oxford.

16. Approval by the Protector of 5 orders, 29 Sept. to 22 Oct. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 225–233.]

Oct. 22. / Nov. 1. Paris. **42.** C. George to Williamson. Receipt and dispatch of letters and money, since your leaving Saumur. I have got the address of your correspondent at Lyons. I hear that poor Mr. Whorwood is drowned. [1⅔ *pages, French.*]

Oct. 22. **43.** Testimonial by Thos. Horton, master, and 11 fellows of Queen's College, Cambridge, to the good conduct of Martin Pindar, B.A., of that College. 12 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 23. Plymouth. **44.** Capt Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have caused the marshal to lay Martin Brice in irons, but as he is a stout bold fellow, and not much daunted, he should be sent to the common gaol, with order to the keeper to keep irons on him, which may more terrify him, and quicken him to address himself with more earnestness to his friends, on behalf of Mr. Browne at Fontarabia.

Particulars of ships. I am informed by the master of a Dartmouth ship from Lisbon, that Capt. Stoakes has arrived there with 9 ships, and had left the rest before Cadiz; also that 13 Dutch men-of-war, which had lain some weeks in Cascaes Road, had put to sea, and that the Dutch general expected more to come to him. He says the Portuguese are preparing 16 great ships to go out to assist their Brazil fleet on their coming home, and that the Plymouth brought into Lisbon a Dutch ship laden with Spanish goods from the Canaries, bound for Spain. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 23. Clifford's Tower, York. **45.** John Fugill to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received 60*l.* from the Lord Mayor of York for defraying the charges of the Flemish prisoners in York Castle, and paid the gaoler 7*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* disbursed for them from 25 Sept. to 11 Oct, and have paid the residue of their arrears to themselves, viz., 7*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*; also 4*d.* a day each has been duly paid since the 11th instant to 52 persons; if any more money is assigned for them, let it be paid to me or Ensign Stainforth. Since the list of the prisoners was sent, 2 have escaped, Mathew Calis has been set at liberty, and Jacob Dugarder has died. A guard of musketeers has been placed over the prisoners by order of Lieut.-Col. Elton. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

45. I. *List of* 53 *Dunkirk prisoners in York Castle.* [1 *page.*]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. Note than Gen. Edw. Montague took the Privy Councillor's oath.

2. Walter Strickland to be allowed to stay in England till 1 May, on renewing his security to Maj.-Gen. Lilburne.

3. Sir John Cleypole's petition referred to the Committee on Money Affairs, to report.

His Highness present.

4. On report from the Committee on the petition of Francis Thompson, to be granted possession of the little park he purchased near the Forest of Alice Holt, co. Hants, for 130*l.*, beside a full rate for his bills and other expenses, from which possession Col. Rich. Norton has kept him, that either he should receive 606*l.* to quit all his interest therein, or else have quiet possession of the park if the State does not see fit to repurchase it:—Order that Scobell write to Norton to ask how 606*l.* may best be raised out of the Forest, to buy back the said park.

5.* Order on petition of the inhabitants of Lowestoft for their minister, who, on account of the losses of that place by fire, and loss of trade at sea consequent on the war, receives but 30*l.* a year, the inhabitants amounting to 300 families—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers settle an augmentation of 50*l.* on him.

6. To advise his Highness to confirm the contract made by the Committee of Parliament for excise, &c., with Rob. Doughty of Aylsham, co. Norfolk, Thos. Garrett of Norwich, and Wm. Life of Downham, co. Norfolk, for two leases, one of the new impost on beer, &c., in Norwich and co. Norfolk, hundred of Lothingland and borough of Thetford, co. Suffolk, and the other for the same in cos. Essex and Suffolk, at 7,500*l.* for the first ½ year and 36,000*l.* for the other 3 years.

7.* The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* on the minister of Ampthill, being a considerable market town.

8.* The following persons (names all given) to be Public Faith Commissioners in the several counties named:—

In co. Suffolk	- 6	In co. Lincoln	- 7
„ Norfolk	- 7	„ Derby	- 7
„ Cambridge	- 7	„ Leicester	- 7
„ Essex	- 7	„ Hertford	- 7
„ Nottingham	- 7	„ Warwick	- 7

9. The following (names given) added to the Commissioners for ejection of Ministers:—

In co. Leicester	- 7	In co. Lincoln	- 25
„ Devon	- 11	„ Middlesex	- 10
„ Derby	- 5	„ Berks	- 10
„ Gloucester	- 5	„ Suffolk	- 16
„ Nottingham	- 13	„ Sussex	- 5
„ Warwick	- 11	„ Northampton	- 16

In cos. Anglesea, Carnarvon, Montgomery, Denbigh, Merioneth, and Flint, 13.

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10. The following ministers (names given) to be assistants to the above:—

In co. Berks	- 12	In co. Northampton	- 10
„ Derby	- 5	„ Nottingham	- 8
„ Devon	- 7	„ Suffolk	- 16
„ Gloucester	- 9	„ Sussex	- 14
„ Lincoln	- 23	„ Warwick	- 13
„ Middlesex	- 12	„ Anglesea, &c.	- 6

[*I.* 78, *pp.* 234–241.]

Oct. 25. George, Downs. **46.** Capt. Robt. Clarke to the Admiralty Commissioners. General Blake did not deliver into my custody a parcel of gold, but the morning his corpse went out of the Downs, which was several days after his death, Capt. Robt. Blake said, "Father Clarke, here is Capt. Jefferies' gold, being in all 18 pieces, great and little, which I must leave with you." I refused to take it; but as he said it was by advice of Lord Montague, I received it in a money-bag, and put it in my chest. I was afterwards advised by my Lord to keep it safe, which I have endeavoured to do, but might have lost it, as a piece of stuff worth 14*l.* was stolen out of my chest in my cabin, which I have not yet heard of.

At my coming up with the Naseby, as my Lord did not desire to be troubled with the gold, and I was afraid to leave it on board the George in my absence, I took it with me to Chatham, and between me and another, we carried it about our middles to my own house, where I hope it is secure; if you send Mr. Powell, who is acquainted with my wife, he may receive it, and prevent the clamour of Capt. Jefferies and others. I send a poor man's petition in behalf of one small piece of this gold, which I leave to you. I desire you will send Mr. Powell with an order to my wife to deliver the gold to him, and see it weighed, Capt. Jefferies having said there were about 30 pounds, and take his receipt. [1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 25. Ostend Prison. **47.** John Harris to his mother, Elizabeth Harris, widow, St. Gregory's, Norwich. I was bound for Holland, but on the way, was taken on 6 Sept., by a Dunkirk man-of-war, brought to Ostend, and put into prison, where I now am, in a sad condition, having neither money nor clothes. The surest way to clear me will be to obtain and send a seal from the Admiralty Court at London, and if cleared, I will return home and remain with you, having had sufficient warning. I hope you will send some money by some merchants you are acquainted with. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 26. Dover. **48.** Wm. Cullen to Major-Gen. Kelsey, Somerset House, Strand. You may remember that when I was mayor of Dover in 1652, the Council of State and the Navy Commissioners, by several orders and warrants, commended to me the charge of sick and wounded seamen landed at Dover. I provided them all necessaries, and 5 separate accounts were paid to Wm. Player, and remitted to me. You presented my 6th account in 1653 to the Admiralty Commissioners, and the Navy Commissioners ordered me to draw bills for

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the sum being 997*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, which was paid at last to Mr. Player by the Commissioners for Prize Goods, by way of imprest. I beg this imprest may be discharged, or I may hereafter be called upon to account for and repay it. Noted that he is to state who has his last account. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

48. I. *Digest of the above case.* [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 26. Dover. **49.** Vice-Admiral Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will endeavour to answer your desires in every respect at Mardike fort, when Capt. Sparling arrives. I hope, now the horses and carts are come, business will be performed with more speed. After long demur, the General has taken the 2 demy cannon and 2 brass culverins on shore, and resolves to take the mortar piece to-morrow; 5 vessels with palisadoes have arrived, but none are yet on shore. I hope to dispatch the vessels which came from the Tower to-morrow; another has just arrived with hay. The enemy, since their storm, are very calm, and we hear little of them. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

49. I. *Account of provisions on board* 11 *ships named, at Mardike, Mardike Pitts and in the Splinter.* [1 *page.*]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

2. The letters from Mr. Meadows, Envoy to the King of Denmark, and the papers containing his answers on his first audience, read.

3. Maj.-Gen. Jephson's letter concerning his audience by the King of Sweden read.

4. Order on Gen. Reynolds' letter from Mardike, that the Mardike Committee consider the necessaries he asks, and report.

5. Lord Deputy, Pickering, Desborow, and Mr. Secretary, to attend his Highness, and ascertain what reply to send to Maj.-Gen. Jephson by the next post.

6. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 40*l.* on the minister of Guilsborough, co. Northampton.

His Highness present.

7.* Order on the petition of Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, and the state of the case certified by a Committee of Council, that on account of the increase of charge and trouble of the Treasurer, he be allowed 1,500*l.* a year for himself and his instruments, and 200*l.* on every 100,000*l.* above 700,000*l.* issued by him in a year.

50. *Statement alluded to. In* 1650, *when Sir Hen. Vane laid down the treasurership, Parliament assigned the management of the office to the then Commissioners of the Navy. The average issues being then* 200,000*l.*, *for which Vane had received* 3*d. in the pound, or* 2,500*l. a year, they offered Hutchinson* 1,000*l.*, *which he accepted provided the action did not exceed* 200,000*l.*, *and was appointed* 30 *December* 1650.

In 1652, *when Maj.-Gen. Harrison laid down his office in the Tower, his duties were transferred to Hutchinson, who thus*

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had to issue 460,000*l.*, *and expected an increase of salary.*

In 1652, *the Navy Committee was vacated, and the Admiralty Commissioners appointed to manage all affairs. The issues then being* 600,000*l.*, *he petitioned them, and Parliament through them, for increase of salary, but that very week Parliament was dissolved.*

In 1653 *he addressed the Council of State, who added* 1,000*l. a year to his salary, the charge of action that year being* 1,400,000*l. as they alleged, and allowed him* 2,500*l. for past losses and expenses.*

In 1654 *they made his salary* 1,500*l.*, *and* 100*l. for every* 100,000*l. issued above* 700,000*l. in the year; and a like order was passed for* 1655. *Signed by Col. E. Montague and Phil. Jones.* [1¾ *pages.*]

8. **51.** Order on desire of John Crisp, to go to Flanders to treat for the release or better usage of Henry Crisp, that Strickland, Mulgrave, Desborow, Pickering, and Mr. Secretary hear what can be offered on behalf of Lady and John Crisp, and report.

9.* **52.** The Admiralty Commissioners to pay Capt. Isham, and John Turner, the minister that waited on Gen. Montague when he was at sea, 50*l.* each. *Annexing,*

52. I. *Order by the Admiralty Commissioners for payment accordingly.* 29 *October*, 1657. [¾ *page.*]

10. Frost to pay Pickering 140*l.* to build some conveniencies for his Highness and Council.

11. The Committee on Ely House and Savoy Hospital to continue their functions a month longer.

12. Pickering, Lisle, Mulgrave, Montague, Strickland, Lord Deputy, Jones, and Mr. Secretary to consider the petition and papers of Wm. Graunt, minister of Isleworth, and report.

13. The petition and proposals of Sir Thos. Pride and Dr. Young, for themselves and others, read.

14. Order on certificate from Surveyor Embree, Maj. Miller, and Maj. Dobbins, on the order given to view the buildings on the wall of James' Park, that they attend Counsel learned, and inform them fully, and they are to certify thereon.

15. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Embree 3,000*l.* for arrears.

16.* Order on report from the Committee on the petition of Rich. Bifeild, minister of Long Ditton, co. Surrey, and other inhabitants,—stating that in 1641 and 1642, money was collected to rebuild the church, which has remained in Sir Thos. Evelyn's hands ever since, and that the church has fallen down meanwhile,—that Fras. Drake, Shadrack Brice, Maj. Dawbyn, and Obadiah Weeks enquire what has become of the money and the old building materials, and report what had best be done.

18. The petition of Chris. Boone, merchant of London, referred to Jones, Deputy, Strickland, Desborow, and Lisle, to report.

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19. The alterations offered by Jones in the draft patent which passed Council on 21 Oct., for payment of 100,000*l.* a year for his Highness's family, approved, and to be offered to his Highness as Council's advice. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 234–246.]

Oct. 27. Plymouth. **53.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will observe your order as to the exchange of prisoners. The 21 Biscaneers were set at liberty yesterday. I send a list of the remainder. We have great difficulty in keeping them, having such a weak guard. Last night being stormy and dark, Capt. Jordan with 6 or 7 more attempted to escape, but were prevented. I have put Jordan in irons, and caused more irons to be made, whereby the most unruly may be hampered, as the guard being small, they are encouraged to be disorderly. This is the second time Jordan has attempted escape. Shall I send him and Martin Brice to the common gaol, and charge the keeper to keep irons upon them, as they may then be more secure?

It is very stormy weather, but I hope the frigates abroad are well; there are several in the harbour ready to take the first opportunity to go out. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

53. I. *List by Hen. Champlyn, marshal, of* 109 *prisoners in the castle at Plymouth, giving the ships they were in and those by whom they were taken, together with their country and date of imprisonment.* [1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 27. / Nov. 6. Dunkirk. Commission by the King to Sir Wm. Throgmorton to be knight marshal of the household, in recognition of faithful service performed to the late King and himself. Signed by the King and Sec. Nicholas. [¾ *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Oct. 27. / Nov. 6. Paris. **54.** C. George to Williamson. I wrote you on Friday, and now I send you 2 more letters. [¾ *page, French.*]

Oct. 28. Queen's College. **55.** Thos. Lamplough to Williamson. You are to return as soon as may be, as we doubt not of an election, so says Mr. Provost. Sir Wilson has deserted the place, and we know not upon what score. For the subject of your lectures, I thought upon old Athens, but that shall be deferred until you return. [⅔ *page. Endorsed with scientific notes, Latin.*]

Oct. 28. Glass House, Broad Street. **56.** Order by the Commissioners for Prize Goods to Walter Barnsley, their cashier, to pay to Wm. Astell 2*l.*, in full of all demands for charges for lying on the river to discover embezzlements from the 3 silver ships, Sampson, Salvador, and George. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 29. **57.** Petition of Fras. Ashe, governor, and the Muscovy Company, to the Protector, to order them their sole right of fishing, at least in Bell Sound and Horn Sound, free from intrusion, and to provide against the import by others of fins and whale oil, or they must desist from their voyage. Their predecessors having discovered the trade, they have defended it against the Dutch, but have been obstructed by

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the import of fins and oil from Holland, contrary to the Act for increase of shipping, &c., and by the intrusion of others into Bell Sound and Horn Sound, contrary to the Navy Commissioners' order of 1645. Have lost 2 stocks in that trade, and must give it up without encouragement, when the nation will have to be supplied by the Dutch and other strangers. With the order in the Navy Committee of 12 April 1645 referred to. [2 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

57. I. *Duplicate of the above petition and order.* [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 29. **58.** Order in Council referring the said petition to Montague, Jones, Mr. Secretary, Lisle, Mulgrave, Desborow, and Strickland, to report. [⅔ *page; also I.* 78, *p.* 247.]

[Oct. 29.] **59.** Petition of Phil. Tandy, Commissioner in the Act for Public Debts, to the Protector. I have long been a subject of sad affliction, having lost all except my salary, which is not appointed by the Act. I beg payment for the past year, and leave to discontinue this service, and enter on another more serviceable to you, as the case now stands both with the Act, and the state of things. With special reference to Council, 21 March 1655–6. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

59. I. *Phil. Tandy to Jessop. I have worn out my afflictions patiently, but last night I was uncivilly arrested to the terror of my family. I am liberated, but dare not leave my house. I beg you to favour my* 2 *petitions. I know the public wants money, but their furnishing me will not lessen their plenty. I am* 120*l. damaged for want of payment since Oct.* 1654. *I stay in town only to pay my debts, and not have the reproach of a knave following my ministry, and then shall take my family into Ireland, and trouble the public no more, only seeing that the service is not obstructed by my absence. Strickland and Jones are privy to my aims, and promise help, and will, I hope, call for my petitions.* 25 *Sept.* 1657. [1 *page.*]

59. II. *Petition of Tandy to his Highness and Council, for payment from the fee-farm rents, if there be not enough at Drury House to pay him.* [⅔ *page.*]

59. III. *Like petition to Council for a reward for a year's service as Commissioner in the Act for Accounts, in which he has had much toil and no salary. Has been* 2 *years in great affliction, hoped to satisfy himself in some peculiar way, and so has forborne prosecution, but could not hold out as long as he expected. Will begin his future world with a little land in Ireland.* [1 *page.*]

Oct. 29. **60.** Petition of Phil. Tandy, registrar accountant, to Council. In spite of my last order, I have only received 20*l.*, and have been damaged 80*l.* these 2 years for want of payment, being brought into such disrepute that I could not borrow 10*l.* were I to starve. I am now obliged to leave my family and go to Ireland to sell and pledge the few goods I have there to pay my insupportable debts. I beg

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settlement of my salary out of the Exchequer till next Parliament, when I hope to be in a capacity no more to be troublesome. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 29. Reference thereon to Pickering, Lord Deputy, and Wolsley, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 247.]

Oct. 29. **61.** Petition of Capt. Garret Tison to the Protector. Thanks for your order of 29 Sept. last, freeing my tobacco of seizure and duties, according to a privilege granted by Council 29 May 1656, and General Wm. Brayne's permit thereon [*see Colonial Cal.* 3 *Sept.* 1657] yet these notwithstanding, Cowell and company, on 21 Oct. have by force, with swords and guns, seized the keys of my warehouse where the tobacco lay, and detain it to my utter ruin. I beg relief. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 29. Order thereon that Cowell and company deliver up the tobacco, or appear before Council to answer their contempt. [*I.* 78, *p.* 248.]

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1. The report from the Treasury Commissioners, on reference on the case of Nich. Barnwell, of Turvy, in Ireland, of what is alleged against him and for him, with papers annexed, referred to the Irish Committee, to write to the Council in Ireland for information, and report.

2. Kinnersley's account for the entertainment of the Portuguese ambassador to be audited, and he paid what is due.

3. The petition of the Governor of the Dutch Bayhall at Colchester referred to Wolsley, Sydenham, Jones, Lisle, Mulgrave, Desborow, Strickland, and Mr. Secretary, to report.

4. The paper delivered to the Commissioners to treat with the ambassador from the United Provinces on the Dutch marine treaty of $\frac{22\ \text{Oct.}}{1\ \text{Nov.}}$ 1657 read.

5. To empower the said Commissioners to answer the ambassador according to this day's debate.

6. To advise his Highness to order a present of 1,000*l.* to Lord Nieuport, ambassador from the United Provinces, in some fitting form.

9. Approval of the augmentation advised by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 20*l.* a year to the minister of Guilsborow, co. Northampton; also a further augmentation of 20*l.* to Wm. Holmes, the present minister, advised. Approved by the Protector 30 October.

11. Order on report from the Committee on Gateshead charter, to advise an order to the Attorney-General to prepare a charter according to the heads certified by Serjeant Sheppard and Mr. Beck, if he finds it according to law, and if not, to certify the same to Council.

13. Wolsley, Lord Deputy, Desborow, Lisle, Mulgrave, Pickering, Sydenham, Jones, and Mr. Secretary, with such persons as they shall

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appoint to assist them, to read a collection or history compiled by John Rushworth, and give their opinions on it.

14. A further augmentation of 300*l.* to Dr. Seth Ward, advised, beside the 50*l.* formerly advised to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers by his Highness and Council. Approved by the Protector 30 October. [*I.* 78. *pp.* 246–249.]

Oct. 30. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 29 October. [*I.* 78, *p.* 249.]

Oct. 30. Dover Frigate. **62.** Vice-Adm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will make further enquiry as to the extraordinary want of cables when weather permits, but our stations are remote, and the wind here has blown so hard westerly that I cannot give you such an account as I would. On the arrival of the Elizabeth, 3 days since, I was forced to take a week's provisions out of her, we having then but one day's left. I have formerly advised Gen. Montague of the want of snaphance muskets and blunderbusses in the small vessels here proportioned for this service, being too small, and, through extraordinary duty, half have been unfixed; also they want 40 or 50 men of their number, for the supply whereof I desire you will order Sir Rich. Stayner, or some other, to impress and send them over; there is also a very great want of candles and wood by the pursers.

Sir John Reynolds, a little before the storming of the fort, made a demand of me for seamen to man the wooden fort, pretending that it was that which was resolved on by Gen. Montague, and that Ambassador Lockhart had informed his Highness thereof, with which he was well satisfied. I disputed not the case, but accordingly sent out of this ship 22 men, and the rest out of other ships, which made up the number of 30. The men begin to murmur at being kept constantly upon shore duty. I desire your pleasure therein.

The 6 vessels with pallisadoes arrived, but the works are at a stand for want of deals. Notwithstanding the good provisions here, men fall sick, there being now 200 of them going for Calais. I understand from Sir Rich. Stayner that Capt. Sparling has not yet returned from Dieppe, and that there is great fear of his safety. [1¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 30. Essex, Downs. **63.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. Several ships have been forced into the Downs by the bad weather, and the Adventure had like to have been cast away, having lost two of her cables and an anchor.

I hear the Countess of Holland is sick at Dieppe.

There is great want of men in the fleet, and the ships from Chatham want 100; if you would appoint a man to keep an exact muster, it would turn to good account. There is also great want of victuals, the ships with them not having arrived from Harwich. I called the several commanders together to ascertain their wants, and how long they have been off the ground, and will send an account, but I have been forced to supply some that stood in most need. I have sent the 4 Spaniards who were in the George up to London, in the Hind ketch, and directed her commander to apply to you for

order as to their disposal, and I have also appointed the Eaglet ketch to carry up Lord Montague's goods and his servants. I enclose intelligence gained by the Convert in examinations of the men on the ship taken by her. [1¾ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

63. I. *Examination of Hendrick Hendrickson, master of the St. Peter of Venice, by Judge-Advocate Fowler, on board the Essex. Went in the Whale Fish as a passenger to Cadiz, and there took charge of the Pomerlander, with which he went to Venice, and took charge of the St. Peter, of* 200 *tons,* 16 *guns, and* 26 *men. Sailed to various places with different ladings, under an agreement to receive* 3,700 *pieces of* 8 *for freight.*

Received a lading of wine on the account of Wm. and Jno. Vanderfort, of Castello Trano, for Amsterdam, as also 168 *frails of raisins at Malaga, and has* 10,000 *ox horns on his own account, but is not aware of any other cargo in her belonging to any of his men. Has a power to sell the vessel wherever he could find a purchaser from Conde Pietro* [*de Dring*] *at Buchari, near the Venetian territory of Sclavonia, such power being given him to show she was a free vessel. Has disbursed* 2,500 *guilders on her upon his own account.*

Also examinations of Menego Bowler, a Venetian, and Nicholas de Zant, a Greek, seamen on board, to similar effect, and that all the men who sailed in her were Flemings, save one Englishman, three Frenchmen, one Italian, and one Greek. [2 *pages.*]

63. II. *Examination of Jno. Martin, of Blackwall, mariner on board, to similar effect, and that Conde Pietro de Dring, Governor and Prince of Buchari, built her, and gave power to the master to sell her.* [2 *pages.*]

63. III. *Note of intelligence,* 26 *October,* 1657, *on board the Convert frigate. About* 3 *months since, the Venetian fleet of* 14 *sail met* 20 *Turkish men-of-war, with a Dutch merchant ship the Turks had forced into their service, near the mouth of the river at Constantinople, when the Venetian General Moncenigo burnt* 5 *of their galleys, and took all the rest, but returned the Flemish vessel to the skipper. The* 2 *forts called Great and Little Sida, which the Venetians took on shore before, hinder both the Turks' ships and galleys from going up the river. The Grand Turk has sent to the Duke of Venice desiring peace, but he refuses it.* [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 31. Rainbow, Bay of Wyers. **64.** Capt. Jno. Stoakes to [the Admiralty Commissioners]. My last to you was on 8 August, from before Cadiz, enclosing several intercepted letters, and intimating the Spaniard's preparation of a fleet in a few days, which was confirmed from divers good hands and papers of credit, as also from our own daily discoveries made at the Cararoes, where we painly discover several of their ships at a time on the careen. Their whole fleet designed to be set forth will be 42

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Oct. 31. sail, whereof 18 galleons of the King's, 6 belonging to the merchants, and the others Dunkirk frigates; these they call their Naples fleet, all under the conduct of Don Juan Chevare.

We continued with the fleet at anchor before Cadiz until 17 September, when by reason of the various and uncertain weather, and the want which we were like to have of liquor, it was judged by a council of war most convenient to go for Lisbon, leaving 7 sail to ply before Cadiz, commanded by the captain of the Hampshire,—being a party able to encounter any number that may go in or out from that port, and to answer other services—which accordingly I did, and, with the rest of the fleet, gained this place the 29th of the same.

On the 8th inst. the Providence and Falcon flyboat arrived from Madeira, with 400 pipes of beverage wine, and the Diamond from Capt. Storey, with intelligence that the Spaniard continues refitting his fleet, and gives out that he will be suddenly at sea; I have therefore taken the best course I can for enabling our speedy departure hence. The fitting of the Lamport and Plymouth has put me to some charge, and more trouble. They were in no little hazard of sinking in our way from Cadiz hither, but are now in a good condition, and I hope may be able to continue at sea 3 or 4 months, and others have been repaired and cleaned. The arrival of the Phœnix and Guinea, with the 5 victuallers, on the 23rd instant, gave no small encouragement to our seamen, whose condition was very bad, being at short allowance, and what food we had being very bad, especially that which came last from Portsmouth, and which was judged to be the refuse of the ships at home. I hope within 14 days to be at sea with the whole fleet, but the weather has been lately very tempestuous, with much rain.

Our chiefest want is cables, sails, or canvas, of which I presume we shall have a seasonable supply. I will observe your orders as to such prize goods as shall be sent home in any of his Highness's ships, having already given the like in charge to the Purser-General, from whom you will receive a further account. At my coming into Cascaes Road, I met Gen. Updam, with 16 sail of ships of war, who stood off to sea, seeming not willing to speak with me. At the same time the Dutch ambassador was at Lisbon, demanding, upon some pretence of wrong, the Brazil, and the surrender of divers places in the East Indies, and very great sums of money, to which the King's answer was, that for delivering up Brazil, or any part of his Indies, he would not do it; besides, he knew his subjects would not become obedient to them; but if money would satisfy, he would capitulate, or refer himself to the Protector of England or the King of France, to allow whatever either of them should judge meet. This reply being dissatisfactory, the Dutch ambassador immediately departed to Gen. Updam, who by this time had joined to him De Ruyter, with 16 more sail, plying before this port to intercept the Brazil fleet, which design of theirs the Lord was pleased to make of little effect, and which I cannot let pass without great observation, and esteem in some measure as a mercy to our nation.

The weather has been very bad, with southerly winds, which have driven the fleet northward, and brought some of the Portugal fleet

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strangely near to this place, with hopes that the remainder, dispersed by foul weather, will also safely arrive. The Dutch have met divers of our merchant ships, which they visit with much respect and civility; however, I shall be careful to watch them, being apt to believe that their main intentions are to strengthen the Spaniard and his interest.

This comes by the Centurion, which I have sent home, as altogether incapable of keeping the sea or doing service until she is repaired. [3 *pages, damaged.*]

Oct. 31. Coventry. **65.** Samuel Windis to the Navy Commissioners. Necessity enforces my departure from London, after long detention in expectation of a resolve as to what should be allotted to me for the loss of 220*l.* 15*s.* through a contract made between me and the late company of victuallers to supply 400 men's victuals for 6 months, which were not taken, Lord Fleetwood sending the ships so ordered to other ports for a supply. Yet I was obliged to make good my contract. On a second contract with them, I made an abatement, but 3 years have since expired, and I have expended more than the whole amount by delay, loss of time, and separation from my wife and 6 children at Liverpool, and have also borrowed 20*l.* of Mr. Bancks. I beg that my case may be considered and determined, so that Mr. Bancks and I may have our due. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 1. The Essex, Downs. **66.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. The victuals have arrived from Harwich, which I have distributed, as also the stores from the Tower. Particulars of the distribution. The Assistance has gone to Dieppe for the Countess of Holland. Two hoys have arrived from Mardike with a mortar piece and other stores, which I have ordered Capt. Nixon to convoy up the river to the Tower.

I made strict enquiry about the ship brought in by the Convert, and called all the commanders together to confer thereon; and as they judged the ship and her goods were clear, I have given order to her master to fit himself as he pleases; but until I hear from you, I will not let him go out of command, unless to Dover to get masts.

As there are several ships richly laden bound to Seine Head, and many also lie there for a convoy, and there are 4 at Cowes bound home, I will order the Colchester for that service. The commanders being all on board yesterday, I spoke to them of their demands for stores, when they affirmed they were all required for present service, and they will give in their demands again under their own hands.

I have cleared the White Roach of all her provisions, and when the purser of the London has indented, will send an account of each ship's provisions, and the time they have been off the ground.

I will call a council of war to try the master of the Half Moon, as soon as the Judge-Advocate has taken the examinations. The Adventure continuing at sea, I have not been able to try her corporal for killing a man, but when she comes in, she shall leave him behind for that purpose. Vice-Admiral Goodson desires that if the Assistance does not speedily come in, some other ship may be appointed. [$2\frac{2}{3}$ *pages.*]

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Nov. $\frac{2}{12}$. Brussels. Sir John Berkley to Sec. Nicholas, Bruges. The enclosed from the Queen of Bohemia, though addressed to me, seems written to you. I had not the curiosity to read further than was necessary to see the mistake. I am newly come here. Sir Hen. de Vic went on Saturday by the Antwerp boat to Breda. I am going to learn from M. Mottet how the business of the King and his Royal Highness stands. Noted as received the 16th. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Nov. 2. The Rainbow, Bay of Wyers. **67.** Capt. Jno. Stoakes to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Taunton has arrived from Capt. Robt. Storey before Cadiz, with the intelligence that the Spaniards, being much retarded in their preparations by the foul weather, will not be so soon forth as was otherwise expected. I have sent home the Nantwich, in company of the Centaur, to be repaired. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Nov. 3. **68.** Certificate by Wm. Gefferie, Mayor of Plymouth, that Nich. Berry of Stonehouse, near Plymouth, lately a mariner belonging to the Nantwich, commanded by Capt. Jno. Jefferies, deposed before him that he was at the taking of the galleon prizes on the coast of Spain in Sept. 1656, and had a small bar of gold, weighing 18½ oz., which he sold to Capt. Jefferies, and received a bill of exchange from him in satisfaction, when he returned to Plymouth. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *sheet, signed and sealed.*]

Nov. 3. **69.** Like certificate that John Harbert of Stonehouse, mariner of the Nantwich, deposed that he had two ingots of gold containing 2 lbs., which he sold to Capt. Jefferies, and received satisfaction by a bill of exchange on his return to Plymouth. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *sheet.*]

Nov. 3. Orleans. **70.** Edw. Norris to Mr. Williamson, English gentleman, at Mdlle. Poitevin's, Saumur. I sent to you last week for 10 pistoles, and I think my letter is lost. Send me 15, for which you have a bill of exchange from Paris, as I cannot leave Orleans without money. [*Scrap.*]

[Nov. 4.] **71.** Petition of John Warr, on behalf of the late regiment of Col. Philip Jones, to the Protector. Being in prosecution of the business of the arrears of the regiment at Worcester House, in July and August 1650, I purchased for them of the Trustees tenements and lands in Pembroke, co. Pembroke, value 40*l.* a year, and a house in Carmarthen value 4*l.* a year, the said lands, &c., being returned by surveyors as part of the late King's lands, and so enjoyed several years by the said regiment, and some of them resold by the officers. Of late, John Richards, of Carmarthen, has made forth his title to the said house, paying for it but 20*s.* a year, and is put in possession by order of the Committee for removing Obstructions; and the City of London has evidenced their title to the said tenements in Pembroke under a fee-farm rent, which is likewise bought by the University of Oxford, so that the regiment not only loses the benefit of the purchase, but is compelled to answer all the profits it has received from the date of purchase, and to take but their debentures again, which are of little use unless your Highness gives relief.

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The sum which the regiment is reprized for the tenement in Carmarthen being valued at 3*l.* a year, besides the yearly rent of 20*s.*, amounts to 54*l.*, and that for the tenement and lands in Pembroke is 640*l.*, besides 280*l.* profits for 7 years, for which we are to account to the City of London and University of Oxford.

I beg that the said sums of 54*l.*, 640*l.*, and 280*l.*—974*l.* in the whole—may be accepted as so much ready money by the Trustees, for sale of fee-farm rents, on certificate by the Contractors for sale of the lands of the late King, that these sums are reprised, so that I, bringing in to them Debentures or Public Faith Bills, amounting to 974*l.*, may receive one or more doubled bills amounting to 1,948*l.*, of the same date as those formerly paid in and now reprised, viz., 1650, and interest for one moiety of the time since, as if the same had been doubled with ready money; and I beg that the said doubled bills may be allowed by the Treasurers and Trustees, on the purchase of such fee-farm rents as I shall discover to be yet unsold, for the benefit of the regiment. [2½ *pages.*]

Nov. 4. Reference thereon in Council to Wolsley, Montague, Mulgrave, Desborow, Jones, and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 251.]

[Nov. 4.] **72.** Note of a like request for a rent of 6*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* from the Cleere, co. Carmarthen, sold to them, but to which the Earl of Carberry claims a title. [⅓ *page.*]

Nov. 4. **73.** Petition of Elizabeth, widow of John Lilburne, prisoner in Dover Castle, to the Protector. My husband died 29 August last, being with me at Eltham, Kent, where he had hired a house, that I might be near my friends at my lying-in, he being liberated by the deputy-governor, on parole to return if you disapproved. On 19 August you ordered him back in 10 days, but being sick and weak, he died, leaving me with 3 children, and his estate under a fine of 7,000*l.*, so that I dare not administer to the little that is left, and therefore I cannot have the 15*l.* arrears due of his allowance. I beg you to obtain the repeal of the Act which destroys the fatherless and the widow, and to continue the allowance. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 4. Order for payment of the arrears, and continuance of the 40*s.* a week granted to her late husband. [*I.* 78, *p.* 252.]

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His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. Two to be a quorum of the Committee on Mich. Molins' petition.

2. To advise a confirmation under the Great Seal of the contract made by the Customs and Excise Committee with Hen. Wansey, of New Sarum, co. Wilts, and Jas. Bodley, of Westminster, for a lease of excise, &c., on beer, &c., in cos. Hereford, Salop, and Worcester, for three years at 11,111*l.*

3. Also the contract with Hum. Beale and Thos. Calverd, of St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, merchant, for a lease of excise in

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the city and county palatine of Durham, city and county of Carlisle, town and county of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Berwick, and in cos. Cumberland, Northumberland, and Westmoreland, for three years, at 8,350*l.* a year.

4.* The petition of the pastors of several churches of the Reformed religion in Higher Poland and Bohemia, now scattered abroad through persecution, asking relief; also a petition from Adam Sam. Hartman and Paul Cyrill, delegates from the exiles, and a narrative of their condition and sufferings, referred to the Committee on the Piedmont Protestants, to prepare a declaration ordering a collection for them, and to settle how it may be managed, and report. The Committee to meet at Whitehall at 9 next Friday, and Dr. Owen, Dean of Christ Church, added thereto.

5. Order on report from the Committee to treat with the United Provinces Ambassador, of their proceedings with him concerning the marine treaty—that the debate on this business be continued to-morrow afternoon.

6.* The Admiralty Commissioners to pay to Wm. White 71*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*, on a contract with Gen. Montague for butter delivered for the soldiers at Mardike.

9. The Committee on distribution of the Revenue to report to-morrow.

11.* Order on petition of the mayor, burgesses, &c., of Lymington, co. Hants, and other neighbouring parishes, to recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to allow the minister of Lymington an augmentation of 50*l.*

12. Sheriff Chandler and others of the City of London being called in, his Highness informed them that there is a large arrear due from the City of the assessment which, by order of Parliament, was to be paid in before 25 March last,—the necessities of the army requiring it,—and they are to represent to the Lord Mayor, and the rest of the Assessment Committee, the desire of his Highness and Council that they would use their interest for the speedy bringing in of the arrears.

13.* **74.** The Admiralty Commissioners to send for the Ballast Office Patentees, and inform them that his Highness and Council are not satisfied with the patent, which contains several unusual clauses, and to confer with them for surrendering the said patent.

14. Order on surrender thereof to grant a general patent of the said office in the ancient form to the Admiralty Commissioners, reserving a yearly rent of 200*l.*, to be paid into the Exchequer.

15. **75.** The Lord-Deputy and Revenue Committee, having considered the distribution of assessments for payment of forces in England, advise that beside the rest of the 35,000*l.* assessment not disposed of for Scotland and Ireland, 167,734*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* yearly be assigned out of money for [farms of] excise on beer, &c., to be paid monthly or quarterly, to begin from date of the contracts, and the rest of the said excise money, not assigned for his Highness's household expenses, to be paid for navy uses. The

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residue of the Exchequer revenue, estimated at 80,000*l.*, to be employed for civil charges.

16.* **76.** Order that 30 of the ships now in the Channel, which the Admiralty Commissioners shall appoint, be called in, and that they certify what ships are necessary to be continued for the winter guard.

17.* Order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Alderman Sir Thos. Vyner 4,000*l.* lent by him, and secured on the moneys arising from the Act for Buildings, or in default thereof, on the Customs.

18. The pay formerly allowed to the Maj.-General of the Army to be taken off the establishment, and like pay to be allowed to the Lieut.-General of the Army, and put into the establishment, and the Army Committee to issue a warrant accordingly.

19. Blondeau's report to be made to-morrow afternoon.

Nov. 4. 20.* **77.** Order on a report on Avis, widow of Francis Gill's, petition [*see* 6 *January* 1657] that the Admiralty Commissioners, who manage the Ordnance office, pay her the 36*l.* 15*s.* due to Fras. Gill. [1 *page; I.* 78, *pp.* 249–255.] *Annexing,*

77. I. *Report by Pickering and Sydenham alluded to.* [1 *page.*]

Nov. 4. **78.** Depositions of Peter Rogers and Alex. Woodford, mariners of the Nantwich, before Major Beake and 2 others, that in the late action at Sta. Cruz, they with others were sent off in a boat by Capt. Jefferies, to fire one of the small galleons, and upon boarding her, they found several pieces of gold and 10 pieces of 8, which they brought away, and sold the gold to Capt. Jefferies for 40*l.*, two of the pieces weighing about 1 lb. each, another between 4 and 5 lbs., and the remainder 5 or 6 oz. each. Part of the money was paid at once, and the rest they were to receive on coming to England. [1½ *page.*]

Nov. 5. **79.** Petition of Thos. Fitch, minister, to the Protector. I was ejected 1½ years since, by order of the Commissioners for co. Berks, from Sutton Courtney rectory, and I acquiesce therein, though I have the testimony of divers eminent ministers, to whom you referred the case, of my fitness for the service. I have always been faithful to God and the State, have been a great sufferer therefor, and have a wife and 7 children reduced to great poverty by ejection. I beg your declaration that I am capable of preaching the Gospel. With reference to the Privy Council, 3 April 1657. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

79. I. *Order by the Protector on the case of Fitch, ejected by the Commissioners last July, who applied for re-hearing, and was referred to John Osborne, Wm. Ley, John Tickle, Wm. Hughes, and Ant. Stephens, ministers, who confirm Fitch's statement that the information was unduly prosecuted, and indirect means used with the witnesses, and report that he may be useful in the ministry—that the Commissioners who ejected Fitch and the said ministers meet, consider the case, and certify. Whitehall,* 2 *June* 1656. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

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79. II. *Report of the said ministers and of 5 Commissioners, that after earnest debate, they think the witnesses against Fitch were not of credit, and therefore they conceive him to be "godly for the main," and able to do further service. Wanting, 24 July* 1656. *Signed by the said ministers, and by Rob. Lush and And. Keepe, Commissioners.* [*Copy, 1 page.*]

Nov. 5. Reference thereon by Council to the Commissioners for Public Preachers, to certify his fitness to be restored to liberty to preach the Gospel, and certify. [*I.* 78, *p.* 256.]

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2. To pay Pat. Gallespie 200*l.* from the Scotch Exchequer, and inform the Scotch Council accordingly. Approved 14 November. With the letter accordingly, 12 November. [*I.* 78, *p.* 839.]

Nov. $\frac{5}{15}$. Saumur. **80.** M. de Lerpinière to Williamson, Paris. Thanks for yours from Perpignan. Receipt and transmission of letters. I am much dissatisfied with Mr. Robinson's treatment, but hope more reason when you return to England. He receives my books, and sends me not what I ask for, but what he pleases, and less than he owed me. I hope you will get him either to send me 25 copies of the Barchut's Catechism, or that he will return my books, and I will return his, for the price of those sold. [1 *page, French.*]

Nov. 6. Pembroke. **81.** Rich. Browne to the Admiralty Commissioners. On your order I enquired after the cup and jewels, and have found that the cup is lodged with Hen. White. He is now from home, but will soon return. It is pretended the cup is sent to London, to ascertain its value, but I doubt not to secure it. I have in chase Geo. Hall of Southwick, who sold it, and have no doubt of apprehending him. John Mitchell, who had the jewels, being 26 diamonds and other stones, has gone to Plymouth with a ticket given him on his discharge; if notice is sent to the Navy Office, he may be secured when he presents it. He was kept drunk for 48 hours, and when he came to himself, alleged they had been stolen from his pocket, but it was soon hushed up. I believe that those who played rob stopped his mouth with money. I cannot yet find out the bottom of the business, but will do my best. I hope what I write will be kept secret. [*page.*] *Enclosing,*

81. I. *Declaration by Hen. White of Hentland, co. Pembroke, Deputy Vice-Admiral, that he received from Edw. Baylie, master of the Lizard, a cup set with* 103 *rubies and other stones, to which he is entitled to one and a half quarters, and that he has engaged with him in* 200*l. not to sell his part, being* 2 ½ *quarters, without his consent, and that when the cup is sold, he will be accountable to Baylie for the value of his part.* [¾ *page.*]

81. II. *Order by the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners, to detain John Mitchell, lately a mariner on board the Providence, when he presents his ticket for*

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payment, and send him in safe custody to the Admiralty Commissioners, to answer such things as shall be objected against him. 14 *November* 1657. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 6. The Dover, Mardike. **82.** Vice-Admiral Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I sent your letter touching the brass guns, mortar piece, and shells, to General Reynolds on shore, and desired an answer, but he merely sent the enclosed [*missing*] directed to Mr. Secretary. I will tell the pursers how to make provision for wood and candles, but their complaint is the want of money, which they have not yet received, neither are there any peas sent, which has caused many complaints; the men in the small vessels dwelling near the water have great need of something to warm them within and without, and the want of it causes many to fall sick. When I am relieved, I will supply the small vessels with arms as you order.

The ships on these stations have not met with any disaster in the late foul weather, but it will be very dangerous for the smallest of the 6th rate, and especially those without forecastles, to be out this winter, as well as to others who are not under the Splinter.

By virtue of intelligence that the enemy would make a second attempt upon the forts, and come forth with their fire-ships, we have been put to double duty for some time. The palisadoes are almost all on shore, and there is little else to land except some hay and oats, but we have not room to put them in; there are divers vessels with coals which they will now fall to work upon.

There is an exceeding want of deals for the enlargement of quarters, for want of which men and horse suffer much. A recruit of 500 men have come from Calais, but there are 200 of the old men sick in the fort. A wherry about the bigness of a Gravesend boat, and fitted to row with 4 or 6 oars, would be very useful to lie as a sentinel boat within the Splinter near Dunkirk, for discovering any of their fire-ships coming out, or any other attempt, and by its small draught of water and nimbleness, be able to relieve itself from the enemies' boats at all times; and if fitted with a good tilt, and 4 large fowling pieces, such as were formerly used in the Fens or New England, that will carry a bullet of a ¼ of a lb., and the barrel of 8 feet, they would be of great service upon the enemy.

Since my former letter, we have been brought to bread and water, but weather favouring, I yesterday took 7 days' provisions out of the Cherriton. [2 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

82. I. *Order from the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners to provide a sentinel boat as requested above.* 9 *November* 1657. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 8. The London, Downs. **83.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Assistance has gone for Mardike, and a hoy bound there with victuals and balks has arrived from Chatham. A Holland man-of-war from Lisbon has also come in, and being leaky, out of victuals, and the weather very foul, is going home. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

83. I. *Examination of Capt. Kirkhoff De Young, commander of the Toming of Rotterdam. On 4 Sept. last, sailed through*

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the channel with the Holland fleet, under Admiral Lord Updam, for Lisbon, where they demanded certain of the chief places in Brazil, and satisfaction for injuries and damages received from the Portuguese, which the State of Portugal, not according unto the treaty, broke off.

The French Ambassador was likewise there, and in the King's name demanded 4 millions as a portion for the Princess of Portugal, in point of the said King's marriage with the said Princess. The Holland Ambassador, after the rupture of the treaty, returned home $\frac{3}{13}$ *of last month, and examinant received a letter from Lord Don Hove de Witt, one of the Commanders employed thither by the States of Holland, to take all Portuguese where he could meet with them. The Holland fleet rode under Cascaes during the treaty, and afterwards lay off the rock. De Ruyter joined with Lord Updam, and together they made* 31 *or* 32 *sail of men-of-war.*

Four or five days after the treaty was broken off, a violent storm came on, which separated him from the fleet, so that he cannot state whether the fleet was dispersed. The English fleet of 16 *or* 17 *sail came into Cascaes Road* 3 *or* 4 *days before the treaty broke off,* 3 *or* 4 *at a time, as also the Admiral and Vice-Admiral, but not together; his own vessel being leaky and out of provisions, he is returning to Holland to refit and recruit.* [1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 9. Plymouth. **84.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. This morning I received an express from Capt. Allgate at Torbay, who, coming for Plymouth, met a Portuguese ship with sugar, &c., the chief officer of which informed him she was a prize of a man-of-war belonging to Rotterdam; but as he had no copy of his commander's commission, or order for conducting the ship, according to the custom of the sea, Capt. Allgate seized her, and as the wind was contrary for his coming with her to Plymouth, he went with her to Torbay. I send you Capt. Allgate's letter to me, as to the examinations which he took. I have advised him not to clear the ship until order comes, either from his Highness, Council, or yourselves, and if he has an opportunity of wind, to bring her here or send her to Dartmouth; it may be done without just exception, for as she has neither a commission nor order of him that took her, it may more rationally be alleged by Capt. Allgate that she was taken by an Ostender, Dunkirker, or other of the King of Spain's subjects, rather than by a Dutch man-of-war, for the one is publicly known to be enemy to the Portuguese, and the others not. I desire your pleasure concerning her. The Dutch have probably met with and taken many of the Portuguese Brazil fleet, and will repair home with them the first opportunity of wind; it may be that some of them may be separated by storms, as this ship was, and may be forced into some of the western ports by weather. As his Highness should have knowledge of these proceedings, I will give Sec. Thurloe some account thereof by this post. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

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Nov. 9. **84.** I. *Capt. Abr. Allgate to Capt. Hen. Hatsell. I have been plying on my station with Capt. Taylor, but meeting with foul weather, and Capt. Taylor's ship not being fit to keep at sea, they bore for Falmouth, and I was forced into Torbay, where I found Capt. Heaton, but heard nothing of Capt. Taylor, nor have seen him since. Afterwards I set sail with Capt. Heaton, but meeting with turbulent weather, and having several men very sick and nigh unto death, I advised with Capt. Heaton, who directed me for Plymouth. I left him off the Lizard, but again meeting with extreme winds and thick weather, we were forced to make for Torbay, and have been detained there ever since. I shall hasten for Plymouth and put those sick men on shore for their relief and refreshment, and then proceed to my former station. The Oxford, Torbay, 6 November* 1657. [⅔ *page.*]

84. II. *Capt. Abr. Allgate to Capt. Hen. Hatsell. Making for Plymouth, I met a vessel off the Stert belonging to Port-a-Port, in Portugal, called the St. Jago, from Fernambuco, in Brazil, which was taken off the Rock of Lisbon by John Everson, commander of the Delft of Rotterdam, in the service of the States of Holland, and he put his lieutenant on board to take charge of her and her goods. She is of* 140 *tons, and has* 220 *chests of sugar, with some tobacco and hides.*

The lieutenant asserts that soon after they had taken possession, the man-of-war chased another vessel, but foul weather coming on, they were separated, by reason whereof they were forced away without either commission, order, or any writing from his commander. This occasioning some suspicion, and the wind being contrary for Plymouth, and the vessel having a jury mainmast, and their provisions nearly spent, I thought good to secure them here. I desire speedy order for her disposal, as she has only one cable to ride by. I send some examinations herein. The examinants also allege that the day they were taken, there were 27 *Holland men-of-war about the Rock, their commander-in-chief being Yonker Jacob, of Westmartin, in a ship of* 74 *guns, and Admiral Ruyter being also there with several ships of good force. The Oxford, Torbay,* 8 *November* 1657. [1 *page.*]

84. III. *Examination of Jno. Cleane, lieutenant to Capt. Jno. Leinde, commander of the Delft of Rotterdam. On* 26 *Oct., when* 30 *leagues off the Rock of Lisbon, met the St. Jago, belonging to Port-a-Port, bound from Brazil, with* 220 *chests of sugar, tobacco, and hides, for Lisbon, which they seized upon and took as prize; gave chase to other ships, but foul weather hindered their repairing on board each other, and caused him to come away without brief or commission from his captain. Also*

84. IV. *Examination of Ant. Mendes, of the St. Jago, to similar effect. Met* 12 *Holland men-of-war off the Rock of*

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Lisbon, by whom they were taken, but they giving chase to other ships, left them, so could not speak with them again. 84 sail of Portuguese came out of Fernambuco, which separated 8 days before they met the Hollanders; there were 38 sail together when they were taken, but meeting with the Hollanders, every one ran his way to shift for himself. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 9. Constant Warwick, St. Martin's Road. **85.** Capt. Robt. Vessey to the Admiralty Commissioners. Being ordered by Capt. Hatsell to convoy six merchant ships for France, when in sight of Belle Isle with my convoy, I gave chase to a sail, and on surprising her, found it was the St. Peter, a Spanish man-of-war, with 87 men and 11 guns, newly built and in good condition, belonging to Passage; she carried 17 guns and 93 men. Having taken her without the loss of a man and only 3 wounded, though with some damage to my sails, I returned to my convoy with my prize.

The next morning I met a small vessel, formerly belonging to Rosco in France, partly laden with wine and nuts, from Bordeaux, but she having formerly been taken by the Biscaneers, they had spoiled most of her lading. After rescuing her and putting men on board, a violent storm arose, so that no sails could hold; but after several days, I got into St. Martin's Road with my man-of-war prize and convoys, save a small pink and the other prize, which were separated from us in the storm, and I fear have been wrecked, as many others have suffered in these parts.

I have landed all my prisoners here, save the captain and 4 others, and am going to sea again with my prize, and hope before long to have another. There are 40 or 50 English sail in the ports hereabouts, that will be laden and meet together in this road within 12 days. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Nov. 9. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Embree to survey the wall of Chelsea College where it is broken down, and order its repair.

2. Mr. Secretary's information of several examinations taken, which show that Chas. Guifford and Wm. Astley have received commissions from Charles Stuart for command of troops of horse, on a design to levy war here against his Highness, referred to the Counsel learned, to bring the said men to trial, and Mr. Secretary, Jones, Desborow, Pickering, Wolsley, and Mulgrave to consult with them about the same.

3. The augmentation of 30*l.* recommended to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers for John Allin, minister of Rye, co. Sussex, confirmed, and to be in addition to the augmentation of 40*l.* formerly settled on the place by Parliament, because it is a large market town and corporation, and is charged with 42*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for first fruits, and 4*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* for tenths. Approved 16 December. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 256, 257.]

Nov. 10. **86.** Petition of Thos. Williams, Thos. Wagstaff, and John Huntingford, Commissioners for the Excise in cos. Notts, Derby, and Stafford, to Council, for a letter to the Justices of the Peace in those counties to assist them in the execution of their commission,

as they may meet persons who will refuse payment of excise, uncivilly treat them, and question their authority, in contempt of the Acts and Ordinances of Parliament. [½ *page.*]

Nov. 10. Order thereon for the letter requested, as was lately ordered for others in like case. With the form of letter. [*J.* 78, *pp.* 264, 842.]

[Nov. 10.] **87.** Remonstrance of the Quakers to Council. We are a suffering people under the cruelty of men in authority, who, disregarding the laws of God and of the land, imprison and release us at pleasure, and inflict cruel things on our brethren, the people of God. We beg to present the state of several to you, as the chief Council of the nation, that you may be stirred up to relieve the oppressed, many being imprisoned who can have no freedom save by loss of life:—

Capt. Thos. Curtis, woollen draper of Reading, returning from the West with John Martindale of Plymouth, they were taken in bed by a constable and 10 men, who, with reviling language, carried them to 2 commissioners of peace, who consigned them to prison as vagrants, though accused of no evil, and sent them to Exeter Gaol, 2 June 1657. They were kept in bonds during the sessions, but brought up at the assize before Chief Justice Nicholas, and no charge was brought against them; yet because they would not take off their hats, he fined them 40*l.* each, and sent them back to prison, where they remain.

Ellen Roberts, a sickly maid, coming to a Friends' meeting, cruelly used, left some nights without straw to lie on, her friends not allowed to visit her, and she cruelly whipped in Exeter bridewell, where she remains.

Another woman has suffered there 7 months' hard labour and many stripes.

Others have been committed to prison but liberated, some stocked and whipped for going 2 or 3 miles to meeting, heavy yokes and unjust burdens being laid on the innocent. The chief agents have been John Beare, Wm. Bastard, John Hale, the Mayor of Exeter, and others.

Two have lately been committed at Bury, Suffolk, for not attending their parish church. Signed by Ger. Roberts and 4 others. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 10. Order thereon in Council that the clerk of assize for co. Devon certify what fines were imposed on Curtis and Martindale, and for what cause, and if for none other than alleged, his Highness to be advised to pardon the fines. Also that letters be written to the respective justices of peace, to know the grounds of commitment of Ellen Roberts and the other persons named. [*J.* 78, *pp.* 259, 260.]

Nov. 10. Whitehall. **88.** [President Lawrence] to the Justices of Peace. His Highness and Council have received several addresses on behalf of Quakers imprisoned for not pulling off their hats, and for not finding sureties for good behaviour. Some have long lain in prison, and are not likely to get out by conformity. Though his Highness and Council are far from countenancing their mistaken principles or practices,

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especially in disturbing godly ministers, and affronting magistrates, yet as they mostly proceed rather from a spirit of error than a malicious opposition to authority, they are to be pitied, and dealt with as persons under a strong delusion, who will rather suffer and perish than do anything contrary to their ungrounded and corrupt principles. Therefore his Highness and Council recommend them to your prudence, to discharge such as are in prison in your county (though discountenancing their miscarriages), so that their lives may be preserved, divers having died in prison. From tenderness to them, you are, by causing their hats to be pulled off, to prevent their running into contempt by not giving respect to magistrates, as those whose miscarriages arise from defect of understanding should not be treated too severely. [*Draft.* 1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 10. President Lawrence to Arthur Upton, Wm. Fry, John Wollacombe, and other justices of peace for co. Devon. Council supposing that in some of the cases named in a paper presented to them, there may be some pressure, wish to know whether there was any other ground for the proceedings than their going to a meeting on the Lord's Day, or not yielding due respect to persons in authority. Council therefore sends you the persons, and requests you to inquire into the cases from those concerned in the commitment mentioned, and to certify. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 840, 841.]

Nov. 10. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order referring to the Attorney-General the draft of a deed from Lord Maynard, for sale of lands in co. Northampton, worth 1,500*l.*, to his Highness and Gen. John Desborow, for the use of Banaster and William Maynard, his infant sons, in lieu of woods in the Forest of Dean, which they claimed by patents, &c., lately made void by the Act for mitigation of the rigour of the Forest Laws in the said forest, and for preservation of its timber; Lord Maynard to receive 1,500*l.* on passing the deed, and the Attorney-General so to prepare the deed that it may secure the title of the infants.

3. Order that Lieut.-Col. Edm. Ashton—detained prisoner in Newgate, as a person dangerous to the State, by an order of 4 November 1656,—be liberated, unless the Court of Sessions, sitting at the Old Bailey, see cause for his further detention. Approved 10 December.

4. Order on petition of John Morris, for his daughter Mary, widow of Isaac Dury, late soldier of the State in Col. Sanders' regiment of horse, who died in the service of Scotland, leaving his wife—who on his death became distracted—and one child, that the Savoy and Ely House Committee allow her a pension of 20*s.* a month, if it be according to their rules, and the petition be found true.

7. Desborow, Montague, Jones, Mr. Secretary, Wolsley, Strickland, and Lisle to ascertain what should be done for repair of Deal Castle, and report.

8. Whereas on 4 November it was ordered that beside the 15,600*l.* a month—the residue of 35,000*l.* a month for assessments—there be paid for the forces in England 167,734*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* yearly out of the [farms of] excise of beer, &c., it is now ordered that ½ the said

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excise be paid to the navy, and the other ½ towards satisfying the money for the said forces. Approved 16 December.

9. Order on petition of Sir Miles Hobart, K.B., with a certificate from Rich. Hill, his attorney in Chancery, that Hen. Horedsnell have leave to remain in England three months longer, on security to the clerks of Council, but that he depart then, and do not return without license from his Highness and Council.

11. Sir Wm. Balfour's petition referred to Fiennes, Lord Deputy, Lisle, Mulgrave, Jones, Wolsley, and Mr. Secretary, to report.

12. Order that, as of the 600 belts contracted for for the forces in Flanders, 300 are ready, Maj.-Gen. Bourne take them on board a fitting vessel, and transport them to the forces at Mardike, with such beds and rugs as are ready.

13. The judges of the Admiralty Court to issue a commission to Edw. Sedgwick to be judge, John Lisle registrar, and Wm. Havercombe, marshal of the Vice-Admiralty of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Approved 14 November.

14. On report from the Committee on the petition of Wm. Stuart, late quartermaster-general in Scotland—that by an order of 6 August 1646, certain lands of Sir Geo. Ratcliffe were given to Henry Stuart and James Gray, till from the rents they should have received 1,900*l.* recompense for an unjust sentence passed against them in the Star Chamber Court in Ireland (*sic*), viz., 1,500*l.* to Henry Stuart and 400*l.* to James Gray; and that by an order of 21 July 1648, on the death of Henry Stuart, his son was empowered to receive the rest of the 1,500*l.*, and the rents were received accordingly till 1651, whereby, with 40*l.* which his Highness ordered to be paid to his sister, they have received 874*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.*, but 1,025*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* remains unpaid, because the lands were sequestered in 1651, on information that the petitioner and James Gray took arms against the State, under the Duke of Hamilton, and were afterwards put up and sold, whereas the petitioners did their utmost to oppose the said rebellion, for which they were punished and imprisoned by the late King of Scots, so that they could not claim the said lands within the times limited;—order that his Highness be advised to recommend Stuart's case to Parliament for redress, and meanwhile to order him a pension of 20*s.* a week till other provision be made.

18. Order, on information of Munns, lieutenant to Maj. Cambridge's troop in Col. Twistleton's regiment, concerning ill usage received from Phillips, a constable about Smithfield, and his watch, by John Linford and John Allen, two of the same troop, whilst walking the streets according to orders—that Desborow, Lord Deputy, Skippon, Strickland, and Jones send for the constable and others concerned, examine them, and report.

19. The same Committee to consider the petition of John Eston, jun., of Bedford, learn the truth therein, and report.

20. The Treasury Commissioners to consider the defects of Westminster Hall and the Court of Requests, and what the repairs may amount to, how the charge may be borne, and how far the Warden of the Fleet is obliged in that behalf, to send for the late Warden,

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and learn why he does not do what belongs to him therein, and to report.

21. On petition of Martin Noel, that in 1655, the Excise Commissioners contracted with him for a farm of the excise of linen, drapery, and silk for a year from 24 June 1655, and he began to collect the same, having given security for due performance, but in December it was decided that the Excise Commissioners should reassume direction thereof, and he was ordered to render an account of the profits he received for the term of his management, which he did, and paid over all profits except a balance of 5*l.* 13*s.* 11¾*d.* on the old account, which he is ready to pay; but he has nevertheless not received his discharge at law, to the damage of himself and sureties;—order that the Commissioners for Appeals and Regulation of Excise examine if he has discharged all obligations, and if this be so, on his paying the above balance, discharge him from all obligations therein, and deliver his bonds to be cancelled. Approved 23 November.

22. The Commissioners of peace for co. York not having, according to an order of 28 August 1656, paid in 108*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* received by their order out of the Earl of Devon's estate, they are to take order for its immediate payment, and shall then receive an Exchequer tally for it.

23. Order that, as nothing has been done upon the letter on the petition of Rob. Tutchin [*see* 23 *July* 1657], in the time of the last Mayor of Newport, Isle of Wight, and the present Mayor has been unduly sworn, and the proceedings discourage godliness and reformation — Desborow, Sydenham, Lisle, Mulgrave, Fiennes, Wolsley, Lord-Deputy, and Mr. Secretary inquire into the case, and report.

24. To advise confirmation under the Great Seal of the contract made by the Excise Commissioners with Rich. Best, of Westminster, for 2 leases of excise, &c., on beer, &c., one in the city and county of Exeter and co. Devon, for half a year from 29 September, at 5,500*l.*, and the other lease in the same places and co. Cornwall for 3 years from 25 March next, at 14,000*l.* a year. [*I.* 78, *p.* 256–268.]

Nov. 10. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Sir Thos. Evelyn. His Highness and Council have heard that Mr. Byfield of Long Ditton, a godly and learned preacher, has daily received great interruption from Leonard Hudson, whom you have entertained as your household chaplain, who, being prelatical, gathers a concourse of people of like views, and uses the words of the Book of Common Prayer, which is forbidden by Parliament to be used either in public or private, and invades Mr. Byfield's rights by burials, &c., in Long and Thames Ditton. As Hudson is encouraged by your countenancing of him, which hinders the work of reformation, and is done in flat opposition thereto, his Highness and Council signify their resentment of these miscarriages, and signify that they expect you to remove him from being your chaplain, and thereby remove the scandal given to others. [*I.* 78, *p.* 838.]

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Nov. 10. The Dover, Downs. **89.** Vice-Admiral Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. Having received your order to bring my ship into the Thames, on the arrival of Capt. Sparling before Mardike on the 8th, I settled affairs with him as well as I could, and sailed to the Downs, and having received 7 days' provisions from Sir Rich. Stayner, I will make for the Thames, but at present there is little wind and much fog, so that the pilot dares not stir with the ship. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Nov. 11. [Mardike.] **90.** Gen. J. Reynolds to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will send the 4 brass demi-cannon and culverins on the arrival of the iron guns for this fort. Having conferred with the best seamen here of the danger of the Assistance riding without, and how useful she would be here, I have desired Capt. Sparling to come within the Splinter, where I desire he may continue. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 11. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions of Sir Fras. Wortley, for a special warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare his pardon for the death of Edw. Bayliff, executed during the late war at Wortley garrison, for which he stands indicted in Yorkshire, as the Attorney-General refuses to prepare it "without an immediate warrant, expressing the particular case." Report that the case is this—that on the rendition of Ashby de la Zouch, co. Leicester, 28 Feb. 1646, it was agreed that Col.-Gen. Hastings, his officers, soldiers, and all the garrison should have liberty to lay down their arms, and protections to live at home, submitting to Parliament, and that Sir Rich. Skeffington and Col. Needham, then governor of Leicester, might compound for those whose names were in a list given in with the articles, in which list Wortley ought to have been, but was omitted because he had then no estate under sequestration; but that at the quarter sessions 12 Oct. 1647 for York, he was indicted for abetting the execution of Bayliff, 1 May 1644. That he brought testimonies that he was in the said garrison at its surrender, whereon he had an order 2 Sept. 1654, since confirmed by Parliament, that he should have the benefit of the articles, if the Commissioners for relief on articles of war found him included therein, but his Highness suspended that Court before the case was decided. But as it appears that he was within the said articles, he should have indemnity as fully as though he were comprised in the said list and should have his pardon accordingly. [*I.* 93, *No.* 72; *I.* 78, *pp.* 270–2.]

Nov. 11. **91.** Petition of the parishioners of High Ercall, co. Salop, to the Protector, for a patent for a collection in cos. Salop, Chester, Stafford, Worcester, and Hereford, towards rebuilding their church, pulled down during the wars, since which they have been obliged to use private rooms for worship. The inhabitants are many but much impoverished, and unable to raise the 800*l.* computed for building the church. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Nov. 11. Order thereon for a patent for collecting subscriptions for the church. [*I.* 78, *p.* 272.]

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3. The petition and papers of the Governor and Fellowship of English Merchants trading to Russia, referred to Mr. Secretary, Jones, Mulgrave, Wolsley, and Montague, to report.

4. Order on the petition of the inhabitants of Oswestry [*see* 21 *July* 1657.] that the collection requested is lawful, being granted with a *Non obstante* allowing a collection to be made for rebuilding the church. *Annexing,*

92. *Report alluded to by Att.-Gen. Prideaux, Sol.-Gen. Wm. Ellis, and Er. Earle.* [¾ *page.*]

5. Skippon, Jones, Wolsley, and Mulgrave to consider to what counties the patents for Oswestry and High Ercall should extend, and report.

7. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay ——— Markham, gamekeeper in Middlesex, the salary of 20*l.* [*I.* 78, *pp.* 269–272.]

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3. On information that the Committee appointed to consider how the public charge may be apportioned to the income have sent to the Council in Ireland and to the Commander-in-chief in Scotland some proposals for retrenchment—orders for letters to be sent requesting their conformity to the said proposals, unless they see cause to vary, and then they are to present their reasons to Council. With the letters dated 17 November. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 839, 840.]

4, 5. **93, 94.** Order on 2 lists from the Admiralty Commissioners,—one of 30 ships next to be called in, the other of ships fit to be kept out as winter's guard,—that the Admiralty Commissioners call home the said 30 ships, with 4,190 men, and provide and keep out 17 in the Downs, Narrows, and mouth of the river; 2 between Portland and the coast of France; 9 to ride before Ostend and Dunkirk; 3 for Yarmouth, Lynn, and the coast of Holland; 11 for the Westward and in the Soundings; 3 on the North coast; 3 on the Scotch coast; and 4 on the Irish coast; total 52 ships, 5,705 men. Approved 14 November. *Annexing,*

94. I., II. *Two lists alluded to, of ships to be called in and of those to be kept out.* [2 *pages.*]

6. Desborow, Sydenham, Montague, Mr. Secretary, Strickland, Lord Deputy, Lisle, and Mulgrave, to consider how to obtain money, by loan or otherwise, to pay off the vessels now called in.

8. Order on report from the Committee for the Piedmontese Protestants, that what remains of the collection for the above, viz., 17,872*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*, be put forth in good security, in such sort as may enable the treasurers to call it in speedily if any further remittances are wanted to be sent. Approved 14 November.

9. The Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal to issue out of Chancery a writ of *certiorari* to the *Custos Rotulorum* of each county, to return a list of the parishes within their respective counties. Approved 14 November.

10. Order—on account of abuses by false certificates, whereby money collected for the Piedmontese Protestants has been given to

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unworthy persons—that in future none be granted but by certificate from the Piedmontese people, as to what sum the applicant may deserve. Approved 14 November.

11. The charge of 2 per cent. incurred by transmission of several sums over sea to the said Protestants to be deducted from the money sent by the Treasurers. Approved 14 November.

13. To desire the Lord Mayor of London to take order that account be given next Tuesday to Council, concerning the matter lately commended to his Lordship's care and that of the other Monthly Assessment Commissioners.

15. On report from the Committee on the late and present mayor of Newport, Isle of Wight,—that Council formerly wrote to Moses Read, then mayor, to remove Wm. Hayles, a profane person, from being parish registrar, from which office the former mayor had ejected him with the consent of divers magistrates, and to put John Lidger in his place, according to order of the said magistrates; which letter Read obstinately refuses to obey, and refuses to allow it to be read in church on March 1, as was ordered, and he and Thos. Juning, present mayor, revile the Commissioners appointed to raise maintenance for the minister at Newport—order that Read and Juning appear before Council on Tuesday week.

16. On certificate of Rich. Lee,—who was to ascertain how much money from the estate of the husband of Averen Key, widow, received whilst it was under sequestration, remains in the hands of collectors, that 40*l.* so remains—the Treasury Commissioners are to order its payment into the Treasury.

17. The petition of Elizabeth, widow and executrix of Wm. Richardson, lieutenant of Lord-Deputy Fleetwood's troop, and then of Maj.-Gen. Harrison's, setting forth her husband's sufferings and services, and the large arrears due, she being left with 6 small children, referred to the Savoy and Ely House Commissioners, to allow her 13*s.* 4*d.* a week.

18. The Treasury Commissioners representing that inconvenience has arisen as to the method of the accounts in the Exchequer, through the paying of warrants under the Privy Seal and Council's orders, with *non obstantes* of former warrants, and also through charging payments on particular branches of the revenue, and therefore they have been obliged in some cases to vary from the said warrants and orders—resolved to advise a warrant empowering them to pay sums charged on the revenue out of such branches as they think fit, customs, excise, and monthly assessments excepted. Also allowing any payment of warrants with *non obstante* clauses, and especially that of 19 Jan. 1654–5, for 92,616*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.* to the Treasurers-at-war, out of the compositions for delinquent's estates.

19. Order to advise that in future no warrants be charged on particular branches of the revenue,—customs, excise, and monthly assessments excepted.

20. The Treasury Commissioners to report to Council the sums charged on the Exchequer which are not paid, and those which are most

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pressing, and to consider how money may best be set apart for them.

21. The petition of Wm. Norbury referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 273–280.]

Nov. 12. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord-Deputy and Council of Ireland. The Protector passed several orders on 22 October for arrears out of land and goods in Ireland, viz., for arrears of personal service in Ireland to Col. John Fiennes, 944*l.* 15*s.* 1¾*d.*, and to Col. Edw. Temple 1,089 1*s.* 6¾*d.*, and for arrears for service in Ireland to the Earl of Barrimore, 928*l.* That these may not be urged as precedents, if the course appear prejudicial, you are to consider whether any harm can accrue from payments out of discoveries in Ireland, and certify. [*I.* 78, *p.* 838.]

Nov. 12/22. Nieuport. Earl of Bristol to Sec. Nicholas. I think with you, that there are matters of great consideration in the French diurnal, and the extract of Mr. Roper's which you sent. When his Majesty has perused them, he will advise with you and the rest at Bruges what should be done towards the Elector of Mentz. I am as angry as you can be at the Spaniard's omitting such declarations as would much advantage them and us, but there is no altering their method. I am confident they will begin with doing, and if once we get footing in England, speak as loud as we can with them. Noted as received 21 November. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Nov. 12. Pembroke. **95.** Rich. Browne to the Admiralty Commissioners. Though I have obtained little information by examination about the jewels, I am persuaded the truth respecting them and the cup will come to light if any person in this country has fingered them. There is a little jealousy of the surgeon of the Lizard, that he gave Mitchell some strange potion when the Lizard came into port, and it is certain the poor man was almost out of his wits for some hours. Geo. Hall, who sold the cup, is still lurking about, and Mr. White has promised to give security for his appearance. It is now said that it was of little value, and that those who bought it were cheated, but I doubt that is only a colour. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

95. I. *Examination of Edw. Baylie, master of the Lizard, and Capt. Jno. Hughes of Pill, denying that they ever saw any diamonds or other precious stones in possession of John Mitchell, one of the ship's company, but heard he had lost or been robbed of* 26 *diamonds, tied up in a blue handkerchief, and one was promised to Baylie's wife to set in a ring, but she never received it.* [1 *page.*]

Nov. 13. Plymouth. **96.** Cornelius Vermote to Wm. Smithson, Unicorn Alley, St. George's Fields, Southwark. I understand by your letter that you made some endeavour for my release, and that Mr. Gauden was to have seen the order prosecuted and sent down to Capt. Hatsell, but that friend fell sick, and is now deceased, and this is the cause of my being still detained. As you are now in London, it behoves you in honesty

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to consider my calamity, so long having elapsed since I should have been freed. I do not harbour any ill thoughts, though I have wondered, but rather think you will prove an honest man. Capt. Jacob Zacharias left Plymouth for London a week since, and will now be in London. [½ *page.*]

Nov. 13. Chatham. **97.** Capt. Jno. Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. I formerly attended you and the Admiralty Commissioners as to my going to Portsmouth to superintend the works of the new dock, and stated how unfit I was to give direction about it, or to foresee and prevent the several accidents incident to the carrying on such an affair until it be perfected; after moving what I might about my return to Chatham, Col. Clerke told me I might go, and if there were cause, they would send for me. Notwithstanding what I then said, you now direct me to prepare to go to Portsmouth about the dock, and I again say that I am not skilled for such an employment, as although I have seen divers repairs about docks, yet I never saw a foundation laid, and shall make myself ridiculous if I should go down and seem to be somebody, whereas if I meet with a difficulty, I can do no more than others that are there. If it were my own cost and charge, I would do as I formerly did with Mr. Tippetts, viz., look out for the most knowing man or men in England, and think it my wisdom and profit to engage them in it, and not trust to my own judgment or skill: but if I have a peremptory command to leave my engagements here and to go down and do my best, I must and will submit, so that life, credit, and estate be not too much hazarded.

Major Bourne knows what a service he has engaged me in, in causing his Highness to lay his commands upon me to send men and materials to Mardike, which were so strict and quick that, after I had received a full warrant and direction under his Highness's own hand, and after an engagement to him in writing that I would do my utmost therein, I lost no time, but have sent over 96 carpenters and others, laden 5 vessels (hoys and barges) with pallisadoes, timber, deals, &c., and out of my own money, paid the men impressed and bought their victuals, and I entered into a contract with them to victual them while they were there, and see that they were paid so much wages on their return; and now the victualling is almost out, I am to revictual them again. Yesterday 4 of our vessels returned, bringing a letter of thanks from the Governor to me, one from the engineer, and many from Mr. Ewell, the chief carpenter, desiring a further supply of 4,000 pallisadoes, 5,000 feet of oak ribbon, and 4,000 buntings, besides other things to a great value, and his Highness's order, and the pressing arguments in the said letters, have caused me to commence lading 2 vessels more with the stores mentioned. I have received 500*l.* imprest, but have sent away to the value of 982*l.*, which must be paid, and the things now demanded will arise to a large sum. I have written Sec. Thurloe to acquaint his Highness and the Council with these demands and their cost, and to request a further imprest. This is my day and night trouble, that I am involved me in the necessity of answering public expectation, and providing and sending subsistence for the

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men I sent over, so that you may easily judge how I can or may answer desires about going to Portsmouth. The Commissioner sees how impossible it is for me to leave what is upon me at this time; scarce a day but a letter comes to or from Mardike to be answered, and there are sawyers and many other men at work on pallisadoes and other things to send away.

I have laid all this before you, but if you yet require me, as your letter mentions, then please to remember that still I am under his Highness's commands to make the provisions of men, &c., as aforesaid, and am now to get masons and more carpenters to be sent next week to Mardike. Therefore please to take such order that his Highness may, under his own hand, disengage me from what he has entrusted me with about the said business, and also that the debts which I have contracted in this service may be paid, and all conditions and contracts which I have made may be performed, and my account adjusted and allowed. This being done, though I put my body to never so much hazard, if it may be thought a service to the public, I shall willingly go and do my utmost. As things stand, it is judged by some that if the whole dock were engaged in it, it is not fit or requisite that I should go at this time, in regard of the engagements about Mardike.

P.S.—I have considered who may be fit to act in such a business, but there is no principal man about Chatham now Mr. Ewell is at Mardike. He is the best headpiece in this land for such foundation work, and pitching of wharves to be immoveable, but it will be a month ere he can come away, as he gives the Governor and officers great content, and therefore I know not whom to pitch upon better than Mr. Blundell, who made the docks at Chatham, and dwells in Shoreditch or the Minories; though he be ancient, yet he is of good judgment. Next him is Mr. Shish, every way of as good judgment as myself, and abler of body; and I think, but have not spoke with him, that Mr. Aldridge has good skill. We have an extraordinary civil man, and another good workman or two that have been long experienced in such a business, but they demand 20*s.* a week a-piece for day's works, besides the night. If I may further the service in procuring any of these, I shall be ready. I cannot tell how it stands with the work, and therefore cannot say anything about advising for the work to stay 2 or 3 months till days spring, for they can work but a few hours per day. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 14. Approval by the Protector of 9 orders. November 5–12. [*I.* 78, *p.* 280.]

Nov. $\frac{14}{24}$. **98.** Petition of Geo. Barker, Avenor, to the King. When you left Cologne, I and many other of your servants remained there till the following November, and meanwhile Mr. Armorer, equerry, laid in provisions for your stable. Then coming to Bruges, Armorer persuaded me to forbear my place for a time, on pretence of arrears due from you to him for stable provisions and of stores laid in by him and not spent. I was thus kept out of my place till last April, when you, removing to Brussels, but expecting to return in a few days, desired me to remain at Bruges. Since your now return,

coming to your stables to lay in provisions for the horses, Armorer ordered me to begone, and threatened to cudgel me, language never before used to your servants in execution of their places. I beg to attend my service without further disturbance of Mr. Armorer. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 14/24. Dunkirk. **99.** Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk to the Admiralty Commissioners. In June last, Cornelius Tetart and Bernard Charles, two of our captains, took an English frigate called the Parrot, commanded by Capt. Thos. Haeren, and carried her to St. Sebastian's, with 38 seamen, who were all set at liberty, on obligation of the captain that, at his arrival in England, he would procure the release of a like number of our prisoners there. As the owners of these captains are interested in the frigate of Capt. Jno. Morette, lately taken by some English men-of-war, and her company of 36 men are prisoners in Chelsea College, they desire their release by virtue of the said obligation; and in regard their demand is grounded upon so much reason and equity, and nothing more just than that contracts of such a nature should be accomplished, we are moved to advertise you thereof, and desire it may take effect by the release of Capt. Jno. Morette and his company, and we will promise to do the like. [1 *page, French.*]

Nov. 4/24. **100.** Translation of the above. [1⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 14. The Assurance, Yarmouth Roads. **101.** Capt. Phil. Holland to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have arrived from Gluckstadt, with 11 laden merchant ships bound to Newcastle and London, and will sail for the Thames the first opportunity. I heard from the merchants at Hamburg that Maj.-Gen. Jephson, attended with Col. Pinchback, and some 10 or 11 servants, arrived there the 6th inst. from Wismar, where the King of Sweden resides. He entertained him with a great deal of gallantry, both on board his fleet as also at his court, and sent one of his gentlemen of the ceremonies to attend him while he resided at Hamburg, but would not be persuaded, although often interceded with by the Major-General, to give the Holland Ambassadors an audience. The Danish fleet has since gone from before Wismar.

Having been off the ground 6 months, I desire orders as to cleaning and revictualling. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 14. The Assistance, Mardike Pitts. **102.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I understand you have given order for completing the late proportion of victuals appointed for my squadron, as also for their necessary money; but I remember that you once ordered a supply for General Blake, for want of which—notwithstanding he confined his squadron to short allowance for several days—he was at length forced to quit his station, by which he lost such an opportunity as the like has never yet presented. There is often a large interim between your orders and their execution, especially when business is laid on pursers' shoulders. Here are several ships whose provisions are so near expended that, except some speedy supply present, they will be forced to quit their station, and there are few that do not want something. I enclose a note of the nature and quality of each

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frigate, that you may see which of them are most fit for winter service, supposing the Vice-Admiral has already given his opinion thereon. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 16. The Assistance, Mardike. **103.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. The ships in the Flemish Roads desire the use of 2 Nieuport fishing boats, one of which was taken by the Merlin, and the other was chased into Dunkirk, as their own boats are not able to fetch water, and perform other services required, and they have had one lately sunk. They are daily expecting a second attempt upon the fort; I have been daily solicited by the General to come in with the Assistance, for the better encouraging and strengthening our own forces, and discouraging and daunting the enemy, but deferred doing so until to-day, in expectation of receiving your pleasure therein, as also for want of an anchor and cable to secure the ship. To-day I went in, and shall remain if you approve; if not, I will out again as soon as I have an anchor and cable sent. I have promised the General 4 guns to place upon the new works, until those ordered for the fort arrive. There is an extraordinary mortality in the fort, 16 dying weekly, and our own men fall down very fast in the ship. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 16. Plymouth. **104.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send the examination of the lieutenant and Portuguese boatswain of the Brazil ship, laden with sugar, tobacco, and hides, taken by Capt. Abraham Allgate; most of the lading is claimed by Christ. Warren, living near Plymouth, who lately resided in Portugal, and has a servant in Brazil who laded much sugar in the Portuguese fleet there. As he has entered his claim in the Admiralty Court, London, I know not what to advise the Sub-commissioners of Prize Goods here, who demanded the ship when she was brought in, and still have her, touching her delivery up to the Dutch, so I beg you to ask Mr. Secretary, and give me your orders. If they are to deliver her back to the Dutch, I am of opinion that the Englishmen may go without their goods.

There are 4 Dutch men-of-war who took the part of the Portuguese Brazil fleet when the above ship was taken by us, that have put into Plymouth by contrary winds; I suppose their captains will be with me to-day about her. I will keep up a fair correspondence with them until further instructed. The Hector has been repaired, and supplied since the fire on board and has sailed, and the President and Wolf are in the Roads, with a fleet of 25 sail, bound for Bordeaux. Particulars of ships. [2 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

104. I. *Examination of Ant. Mendes, boatswain of the St. Jago. Particulars of her capture by a Dutch ship, and then by Capt. Allgate of the Oxford, and of her lading, belonging chiefly to Englishmen. Her commander, when she was taken by Capt. Allgate, had no commission.* 12 *November* 1657. [3 *pages.*]

Nov. 16. **105.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson, Paris. For 6 weeks I have only had yours from Pepignau. Sir Francis and lady [Norris] were

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glad to hear. By all means let Mr. Norris answer this; his parents long to hear.

The Protector has married one daughter to the Earl of Warwick's grandchild, and the other will shortly marry Lord Belasyse. [⅔ *page.*]

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His Highness present.

1. Scobel to bring in to Council the Act and resolves of Parliament concerning the Duke of Buckingham at the next sitting.

2. The quorum of the Council of Ireland to be 2, and the instructions altered accordingly.

3, 4. Council to meet at 4 p.m. to-day, and the report on Peter Blondeau's case to be considered.

5. Approval of the following augmentations granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers :—

		£	s.	d.
Sebastian Pitfield, Winfrith -	co. Dorset	10	0	0
Schoolmaster, Yetminster - -	„	10	0	0
Minister, Sherborne - -	co. York	40	0	0
Schoolmaster, Patrick Brumpton -	„	10	0	0
Minister, Tadcaster - - -	„	30	0	0
„ Cleasby - - -	„	20	0	0
„ Scarborough - -	„	20	0	0
„ Horsehouse Chapel -	„	13	6	8
„ Penzance - - -	co. Cornwall	40	0	0
„ Abbey Forgate, Shrewsbury	Salop	40	0	0
Wm. Read, Dorchester - -	Oxon	20	0	0

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6. Approval of the division proposed by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, of Kirkby chapel, value 52*l.* 10*s.* a year, and Simondswood Hamlet, value 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, both in Walton parish, co. Lancaster, with all lands, tenements, &c., thereto belonging, from Walton parish; and of their being constituted a separate parish, meeting at Kirkby chapel, with a separate rectory, in the gift of the incumbent of Walton parish. Approved by the Protector 16 December.

7. Also of the union proposed by the Same, of the parish of Arundel, co. Sussex, value 30*l.*, with the parsonage of Tortington Church, value 30*l.*, with Arundel church as the meeting place, and with one minister to be chosen alternately by the 2 patrons. Approved by the Protector 16 December.

8. Order on a letter from the Admiralty Commissioners to the Treasury Commissioners,—certifying that 300,000*l.* is wanted for the pressing occasions of the fleet—requesting a seal for the issuing thereof from the Exchequer to Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer. *Annexing,*

106. *Letter alluded to,* 12 *November* 1657. [1 *page.*]

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9. Order on report from the Committee on sending an agent to the United Provinces, and his equipage, to advise his Highness to send him as a resident, and as he must have 12 attendants, to allow him 1,000*l.* a year, and advance 500*l.* at once.

10. Mulgrave, Lord Deputy, and Strickland to communicate to Lord Fairfax, who has addressed his Highness on behalf of the Duke of Buckingham, the resolves and Acts of Parliament concerning the said Duke, and the grounds of their proceedings, together with their sense of respect for Lord Fairfax's own person.

11. The petition for the Norwich charter referred to Mulgrave, Lord Deputy, Pickering, Strickland, Lisle, Wolsley, Desborow, and Mr. Secretary, to report.

12. To insert in the order of 10 Nov., that the pension of 20*s.* a week to Major Wm. Stuard be paid gratis.

13. On report from the Committee on Peter Blondeau's petition, for money to be ordered him according to his former proposition, to forward his coining and preparing of necessary engines, as the necessary tools and engines to coin 10,000*l.* weekly will cost 1,440*l.* and weigh 30,000 lbs., beside several great tools not mentioned,—resolved to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Sir Thos. Vyner 1,000*l.*, of which he is to give Blondeau 200*l.* in advance for his services, and the rest as wanted for tools, for which Henry Slingsby's warrant shall suffice to Vyner, and Blondeau and Chas. Ranville, of Blackfriars, shall give Vyner proportionable security that the said tools shall be preserved and used for the State's service.

14. The Trustees for sale of Delinquents' Lands to assign Blondeau fit lodgings and rooms in Drury House for his new coining invention, and if they find Abr. Brown's rooms in the lower story most convenient, Brown is required to quit them, and remove his writings to such other rooms as shall be assigned him.

15. Embree to survey the defects of the guards' [rooms] at the Mews and Tilt Yard, and the stairs from the gallery at Whitehall to St. James' Park, and have them repaired.

16. Order on a report on the petition of Capt. Wm. Peverell [*see* 13 *Oct.* 1655], that the Army Committee issue a warrant to pay Maj.-Gen. Lilburne's regiment to 29 Sept. 1657, the time to which Desborow's regiment is paid, both being on the same service in Scotland. Approved by the Protector 16 December. [*J.* 76, *pp.* 281–5.] *Annexing,*

107. *Report of the Army Committee alluded to, that they did as ordered pay Desborow's regiment to* 28 *Sept.*, 2½ *months further than the other regiments, though fearing it might be a bad precedent, and therefore the other should be so paid, unless there be a difference by one being in the city and the other in the country.* 28 *October* 1657. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 18. The Assistance, Mardike. **108.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I am sorry to be compelled to weaken the squadron by sending a frigate with the letters, when I hourly expect a second attempt both upon the ships and forts. Nor ought I to have to keep letters 4 or 5 days

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for a hoy or a ketch to bring them over, there being neither hoy nor ketch to attend on the squadron, though the Vice-Admiral has both. There is one ketch which does no other service than attend upon the General, under which pretence he frees himself from all other duties, except lying in Dover 5 or 6 days together, and will not call in the Downs, going or coming, or do any other service commanded by me, except once in 8 days take a letter in his way to Dover. I shall now have no occasion to trouble him, as every 2 or 3 days a frigate must quit the station for want of victuals, by whom I shall have opportunities enough; but at that rate, both the squadron and occasion of writing will soon dissolve together. Every commander complains of his men being sick, by reason of which every ship wants many men to complete the number allowed them; this ship by sickness and death wants nearly 20. I desire, in case the squadron be continued at Mardike after their present victuals are out, that you will order a recruit of 60 men to be sent, as also a hoy or a ketch to attend the whole squadron. The General is much dissatisfied with such long delays in sending his guns and deal boards; had he not sent to Dover for 3,000 deals upon his own credit, the carpenters might have lain still for want of work, and his men might have all died for want of shelter, as too many have done already. [1¼ *pages.*]

Nov. 19. **109.** Petition of Marg. Buchanan, lady of Scottscraig, to the Protector. Out of charity you granted me 600*l.* for subsistence, but being sick and weak, and not likely to live long, I beg that the 500*l.* thereof still due may be paid to Rob. Simson, to whom for weighty considerations I have assigned it, having no other means to repay the sums he has lent me. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 19. Order thereon in Council granting the petition. Approved 16 December. [*I.* 78, *p.* 286.]

Nov. 19. **110.** Petition of Hannah, widow of Peter Whalley, of Northampton, to the Protector, for allowance out of the money remaining in her hands for her husband's salary. He was appointed Receiver of Revenues in cos. Northampton, Rutland, Warwick, and Leicester, for the good ordering of which he underwent much travail and charge in journeys, the maintenance of a clerk, and the cost and trouble of taking out his patents, but only enjoyed one receipt.

Being on a journey, and having sustained much charge for a second, he was suddenly taken from his labour, and she left with a small livelihood and seven children. No allowance was made to her husband for the time of his service.

Since his death, a charge of 118*l.* has been exhibited against her by the now auditor to the Trustees for sale of Crown Lands, which account was delivered by her husband to Mr. Leigh, then auditor, who not long after died, whereby she is disabled from defending herself against the charge. Believes there is no such arrear, because no account has been demanded for 5 or 6 years. Her husband always passed his account with the first. Begs permission to discharge it with bills of Public Faith for money lent to the State by him, and to have her account passed speedily. With reference thereon, signed by the Protector, to Council. [1 *sheet.*]

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Nov. 19. **111.** Petition of Hannah Whalley to Council. Begs to give her reasons for asking an additional salary beyond that of 16*d.* in the pound, viz., her husband's charge in obtaining his place, the short time he enjoyed it, and the arrears that have come upon her since from the Duchy Chamber, Worcester House Trustees, &c.—180*l.* in all—not one third of which she believes due; but she cannot defend herself owing to the change or death of officers. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

111. I. *Note of the charges alluded to,* 90*l. in all.* [*Scrap.*]

Nov. 19. Reference thereon by Council to Pickering, Sydenham, Skippon, Mr. Secretary, and Wolsley, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 286.]

Nov. 19. **112.** Petition of John, son of the late Col. Francis West, Lieutenant of the Tower, for himself, his brothers, and sisters, to the Protector, for payment of 250*l.* due to his father at his decease, it being a considerable part of the estate he left. Has 2 orders therefor from the Revenue Committee. With reference to Council, 16 July 1657. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

112. I. *Warrant by the Revenue Committee to Thos. Fauconberg to pay* 150*l. to John West on the account of his father's fee of* 200*l. a year,* 10 *March* 1652–3. [⅔ *page.*]

112. II. *Like warrant for payment of* 100*l.,* 14 *June* 1653. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 19. Order thereon that Council can do nothing, but he may address Parliament if he think fit. [*I.* 78, *p.* 292.]

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3. **113.** Order on Sydenham's report from the Committee on money affairs—concerning several sums due to the State, being the second halves on sale of lands, not yet paid—that the treasurers have leases of ejectment sealed, and give notice that if those concerned do not at once pay the second half, they will be prosecuted and the lands forfeited; all expenses incurred are to be paid by the Treasury Commissioners. Approved 16 December.

4. Whereas excuses have been made for non-payment of various second halves of purchase money, that there are obstructions to be removed in the sales—order that the Commissioners for removing Obstructions meet this day week, and sit constantly as required to expedite this matter; Sydenham, Skippon, Desborow, Wolsley, Mulgrave, Lisle, Mr. Secretary, and Jones to consider what allowance should be given them therefor.

5. Mr. Gookin, a trustee for sale of lands, whose absence in Ireland is a great hindrance to business, to return at once, and attend to his duties.

7. Beside the 20*l.* ordered Aug. 14 last towards the charge of designing 2 stories in tapestry at the works at Mortlake, not to exceed 150*l.*, Frost to pay Mr. Clyne 20*l.* more.

8. **114.** On a letter from Col Geo. Compton, governor of Tilbury Fort, that a Dutch man-of-war has come into the river from Amsterdam, with 23 soldiers on board, half of them sick and all very poor,

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many having passes from James Stuart, who at first pretended to be prisoners taken at sea by the enemy, but now mostly confess they are of Reynolds' English force from Flanders, all of whom are secured at Gravesend—order that such as are well be sent to Mardike, and the others kept safely, and sent on their recovery; and that on their arrival, they be prosecuted by the Governor according to the laws of war, that their punishment may deter others from deserting their colours in like manner; Col. Compton is to secure them on shore, and the Admiralty Commissioners to appoint ships for their transport.

9. The petition of Jo. Newell, late minister of Leckhamstead, co. Bucks,—that having for 3 years been prosecuted by the Committee for plundered Ministers, concerning his title to the said parsonage, and his ousting therefrom, the Committee was at last satisfied as to his title, but articles of ejectment were by means of subornation exhibited against him, and the church is now void,—referred to Nye, Caryll, and Lockyer, to learn his fitness to preach, and report.

10. Whereas Armiger Warner has a warrant for 1,600*l.* out of his discoveries, in respect of his losses about a ship imprested into the service in Ireland, and he has discovered 200*l.* in the hands of Rich. Hunt, of Popham, a gift by Benj. Beckingsell, papist, to Douay College, France, for maintenance of superstitious uses, which is contrary to law, and adjudged by the late Worcester House Committee to belong to his Highness, and Hunt is ready to pay it if he may have a legal discharge—order that Hunt pay the money, and have a legal discharge, and that it be given to Warner. Approved 8 December.

11, 12. **115, 116.** A seizure having been made in the Downs of several parcels of gold, value 5,000*l.*, laden on ships to be transported to the East Indies, contrary to law, which was condemned in the Exchequer as forfeit to his Highness, and ½ is paid in and the other ½ is in the hands of the Customs' Commissioners, as some of the gold is still said to be concealed; and whereas the money is needed for special service, but will be repaid in case the seizers give satisfaction thereon—order that the Commissioners of Customs pay the whole sum to Hutchinson, and that it be put on board the Marston Moor, bound for Jamaica, and there delivered to Lieut.-Gen. Wm. Brayne, commander-in-chief, and that the Admiralty Commissioners issue a warrant for its payment accordingly. *Annexing,*

116. 1. *Warrant of the Admiralty Commissioners accordingly, 21 November,* 1657. [⅔ *page.*]

13. Order—on advice to Mr. Secretary from Col. Fras. White that, according to his instructions, he has taken up provisions for the forces at Mardike, and has and will continue to draw bills of exchange on Frost for payment—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 3,000*l.* to satisfy the above.

14. Whereas on 9 Nov. 1649, it was ordered by Parliament that the Commissioners for the Great Seal and others be Commissioners for trial of the pix money, and that the jury impanelled thereby try it by the standards in the Exchequer and at Goldsmiths' Hall, whereon a

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trial was made, because of the want of a sufficient part of the standard of crown gold; that on 14 Nov. 1649 the Goldsmiths' Company were appointed to make 2 standard pieces, one of crown gold and one of silver, which they did, and divided each into 4 pieces, which were delivered to the Council of State, and by them to the warden of the Company and the Exchequer:—Order that the clerks of Council inquire of Bradshaw, then president, and of Frost, son of the then secretary of Council, how the other pieces were disposed of, and report.

15. The warrant to pay 80*l.* to Wm. Mills from the Exchequer to pass gratis.

17. To resume on Tuesday the debate on the report of the Committee on America, concerning arrears for service in Jamaica.

18. Order that the Savoy and Ely House Commissioners take notice of the recommendations made by Council of the cases of widows whose husbands have been slain in the West Indies, settle pensions on them, and take effectual order for their payment. Approved 16 December.

19. To consider next sitting Embree's report on Henry Hene's purchase at Greenwich.

20. **117.** Order on Major Bourne's letter to Mr. Secretary of 18 Nov.,—that he has fitted several ships with provisions for Mardike according to order—that the Admiralty Commissioners see to his payment according to contract. Approved 16 December.

21. On report from the Committee appointed to decide on fit counties to which to extend the letters patent to collect for rebuilding Oswestry church, co. Salop, that London, Westminster, cos. Middlesex and Surrey, cities and cos. York, Lancaster, Chester, Stafford, Warwick, Worcester, Oxford, Gloucester, Bristol, Monmouth, Hereford, Salop, and North and South Wales are suitable—order to advise that they be inserted in the letters patents accordingly.

22. Order on a certificate of Edw. Titon, deputy to the Serjeant-at-arms—that on serving Col. Humfreys with the order of Council [*see* 27 *Aug.* 1657] he said he would submit that 50*l.* should be paid to Jane Baker out of his arrears, as she only lent the swords and had been divers years out of her money—for a warrant to pay Mrs. Baker the 50*l.* without fees, to be defalked from Col. Humfreys' arrears. *Annexing,*

118. *Certificate of Titon alluded to, 9 October* 1657. [¾ *page.*]

23. The petition and cases of Thos. Parker, Wm. Cotton, Wm. Stevens, John Seaward, and John Dore, who were taken captive by Turkish pirates, referred to the Customs' Commissioners.

24. The debate on Maj.-Gen. Goffe's certificate on the petition of Hector Morgan to be resumed this day week.

25. On report from the Committee on what counties are suitable to be inserted into the letters patent for a collection towards repair of High Ercall church, co. Salop,—order to advise that cos. Salop, Stafford, and Worcester, be inserted.

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26. On petition of Oliver Jenkins, shoemaker, and Rich. Pierce, victualler, of Poole, co. Montgomery, and on several certificates from justices of peace at the general quarter sessions at Newtown last 9 April,—that on 14 March last, Jenkins' house, implements, and stock in trade, value 60*l.*, were burnt, leaving him, his wife, and 3 children destitute, and that in the same fire, Pierce's house, horse, and goods, value 80*l.* were also burnt—order to advise a grant of letters patent for making a collection from the charitable in cos. Salop, Montgomery, and Denbigh, for their relief.

27. Order that the bonds taken by the treasurers and collectors of prize goods, John Sparrow, Rich. Blackwall, and Hum. Blake, to make and give in true accounts of the said goods, be transmitted to the Exchequer, to be proceeded on as the Attorney-General shall direct. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 289–296.]

Nov. 19. London. Levant Company to Wm. Mico, Jo. Dethick, and Hum. Sidney, at Leghorn. By your's of 12 and 20 Oct., we take notice of your care concerning Capt. Ell's business, and the effect of his Highness's letters to the Grand Duke. As he has engaged his agent, Mr. Longland, in the affair, we must refer you to him and his orders, not doubting you will be useful to him and us, especially in point of despatch, for preventing too great consumption of goods which are in so perishing a condition. Endeavour to accommodate this unhappy business with as little prejudice as may be. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 297.]

Nov. 19. London. Levant Company to Roger Middleton, consul at the Morea. We doubt not you know already that we have resolved to reduce the whole trade of the Morea,—viz., all exports from England thither, and all commodities of the Morea imported into England,—to a joint stock, after the present year, with express prohibition of all private trade, on penalty of 20 per cent.

Take notice hereof, and accept no commissions from private persons after receiving this, but conform to this settlement. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 298.]

Nov. 19. **119.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I am glad to have yours from Lyons. Business transactions. On 3 Dec. Mr. Lamplugh will preach at Cambridge; feast stewards, Lord Howard, Sir Thos. Dacres, &c. Many of our gentry are here, as Sir Wilfrid Lawson and Mr. Dalston.

There is a report that we have been worsted in a contest with the Hollanders on the coast of Portugal, they being too numerous. If this be true, it may beget a falling out in the world. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 20. The Nonsuch, Weymouth Road. **120.** Capt. Jno. Woolters to the Admiralty Commissioners. Lord Opdam, the Holland general, came into the road last night with 8 sail, seven being men-of-war. This morning they put aboard their flags, but when our colours were flying, they struck and saluted me. I sent a boat on board for intelligence, when the General sent word that he came from the coast of Portugal 5 weeks since, with 30 sail, in company whereof were 14 Portugal ships of the Brazil fleet,

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taken by them, and that he missed the grand fleet, it being scattered with the rest of his own fleet by the foul weather, but that the English fleet was in Cascaes Road. We have had such bad weather since coming in that the vessels which are ready cannot get out. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 21. Weymouth. **121.** George Pley to the Navy Commissioners. I hope that any future bills I draw on you will be punctually met, or I cannot find money to carry on the work. Lord Opdam arrived in the Road last night, with 7 sail and other frigates from Lisbon. I have had a conference with one of the commanders, and heard that they, with De Ruyter, making 30 sail, before leaving Lisbon, denounced open war against Portugal, and engaged with their Brazil fleet of 80 sail off the Rock, but it being night, they only took 16, the rest getting in; that a very rich ship from the East Indies narrowly escaped, and that they left their prizes in the Channel with De Ruyter, who is supposed to have put into Plymouth or Falmouth. They did not forget their duty when they came in, as the admiral and all the rest took down their colours, and saluted the Nonsuch in good order twice over. They also report that Capt. Stoakes arrived at Lisbon with our fleet of 16 sail, having left 6 sail off Cadiz and the Strait's mouth; and that the Spanish fleet is in such great want of men and money that it is thought it will greatly obstruct their designs. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 21. **122.** George Pley to Col. Clarke. To the same effect. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 21. Whitehall. **123.** Petition of Anne, wife of Rich. Swayne, butcher, of Shrewsbury, to the Protector. To like effect with that of September 1656. [*see Calendar, p.* 118] Has 10 small children, one 15 weeks old, left in the country. Has come up 140 miles on purpose to sell the land. The rent is so small that she spends as much as she receives in coming up to London for it. With order that the land is to be bought, and Council are to agree for the purchase. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 22. Dec. 2. Frankfort. **124.** Prince Rupert to the King. I have obeyed to the utmost your commands about Col. Bamfield; you will receive particulars from your factor, Sir Wm. Curtius, and from the Elector of Mayence. No impartial merchants being present, we can do no more, and could not have done so much had not Bamfield consented to a submission in this imperial town. I will obey any further commands you may send me in these parts. [1 *page, holograph.*]

Nov. 23. Approval by the Protector of an order of 20 November 1657. [*I.* 78, *p.* 296.]

Nov. 23. Report by R. Kingdon and Thos. Hayter, on an order of the Admiralty Commissioners of 10 August 1657. We present Major John Wade's account of the iron works under his charge in the Forest of Dean. We further offer—

1. That the vouchers for his account up to 2 August 1656, being uncertain and disordered, and the papers now brought not clearing up matters, we believe that 249*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*, formerly allowed him as paid to workmen, is again brought to his credit, so we have made him debtor for it on this year's

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account; this, he says, corresponds to the money he has in hand.

2. The papers and vouchers for the year ending 15 September 1657 are also incomplete, and there should be some provision to put affairs in a more regular way.
3. The return of cast iron, as compared with the pig iron in stock, left too much supposed to be in stock, account not being taken of the waste, viz., 6 tons in every 20.
4. We find that the waste is really 7 tons in 20, owing to the badness of the coal used.
5. We did not take Dan. Furzer's accounts, as he was occupied in getting his frigate down the river. [1 *page, in a parchment book.*] *Prefixing,*

124. I. *Major John Wade's account for iron made and sold in Dean Forest, 2 August 1656 to 15 September 1657.* [6 *folio pages in the book, Vol.* 157 *A.*]

Nov. 23. Plymouth. **125.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Portugal ship brought in by the Oxford has been arrested by the Portuguese ambassador, on an Admiralty warrant, in the name of the Brazil Company of Portugal. I am told Mr. Warren intends to do the like on his own account. There is a great quantity of sugar in the Portuguese ship, which was put into Dartmouth, belonging to English merchants living in London, who will probably arrest her also. Another Dutch man-of-war came in yesterday, with a Portuguese Brazil prize, so that there are 6 Dutch men-of-war and 4 prizes at Plymouth, and two others are gone to sea. I do not think the Francis and Mary can be receiving her lading of brandy at Nantes, as she only left Plymouth last Tuesday, under convoy of Capt. Potter. I have repaired the damage done to the Fagons, and she has sailed to her station. Particulars of the collision between her and the Dutch ship. [1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 23. The London, Downs. **126.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. Particulars of the victualling and sailing of ships, and the wants of several who have lost their cables, anchors, and boats in the storm. There is great difficulty in getting pilots for the vessels designed for Mardike. A Hollander and Hamburgher, richly laden, have been forced on shore, and many in the Downs driven out. The Assistance is still held within the Splinter, as those at the fort expect an attempt against it speedily. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

126. I. *List of cables, &c., wanted to supply the place of those lost.* [⅔ *page.*]

126. II. *Order by the Admiralty Commissioners for their supply. 24 November* 1657. [⅔ *page.*]

126. III. *L. de Bethune to* [*Sir R. Maynard*]. *It is necessary that two frigates be appointed to lie constantly in Calais Road, as in rough weather I cannot send small vessels with necessaries or anything secret and of importance to Mardike. When it blows hard, our little boats cannot put to sea. Your frigates are well anchored and fitted,*

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and can remain in this road, or in ill weather can resort to the Downs, Mardike, or St. John's Road. M. Turenne salutes you. Calais, $\frac{19}{29}$ November 1657. [2 *pages, French.*]

126. IV. *Translation of the above.* [1 *page.*]

[Nov. 24.] **127, 128.** Reasons offered by Lady Thomasine Crisp to Council, for release of her aged father-in-law, Hen. Crisp, from miserable captivity at Bruges in Flanders. [*See* 27 *Aug. and* 22 *Sept.* 1657.]

1. John Crisp's request [*see* 27 *Oct.* 1657] was without my privity, and I fear, if granted, would obstruct my father's enlargement, and prejudice his estate.
2. My affection to the State is such that I had rather his release were effected by exchange, and the ransom spent in the State's service, but all attempts having proved hopeless, I beg leave to ransom him, on account of his deplorable condition, and the ruin of his estate.

It is objected that the ransom will strengthen the enemy, but it will be divided into so many small shares that it will not be considerable, and my father might else be forced to settle his estate in the hands of secret enemies.

It is objected that giving ransoms encourages further attempts that way, but there are not many persons of quality likely to become a prey, and the country will now be in a posture of defence against such desperate attempts. He being no prisoner of war, but seized by a company of desperate villains in hope of money, if not satisfied, they may take his life. If they fail to make a good market by him, it will not take them off their trade. Parliament ransoms men from the hand of the Turks, and the nearness of the enemy should not make any difference. His charges in prison will soon amount to a ransom, for they exact 20*s.* a day to allow his servants to attend on him. [2 *copies,* 1 *sheet each.*]

[Nov. 24.] **129.** Reasons offered by Lady Thomasine Crisp, widow, to Strickland, Mulgrave, Desborow, Pickering, and Thurloe, on a late order of Council. [*See* 27 *Oct.* 1657.]

1. I know my father's desires about his release, and this and his better usage can be as well treated by friends from Holland as if John Crisp went over.
2. I resent his bondage deeply, and my late husband and I have done what we could, but an order of Council is required.
3. I think the meanest English subject should have liberty to release himself from captivity by his own estate, and hope you will not add to our affliction therein.
4. The estate is unsettled, my late husband, Sir Nich. Crisp, having left only an infant daughter, and I fear some of the male line might continue him in bondage, to wrest from him some settlement of his estate to the prejudice of the lawful heir, though he has always declared to the contrary.

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As I wish his return, I beg leave to redeem him by ransom, being hopeless of exchanging him, after so long waiting, and I will try to do it by bills of exchange, not by coin of the nation. *Proverbs* iii. 27, 28. [⅔ *sheet.*]

Nov. 24. Order on the said report, that Lady Crisp be at liberty to send over a person to Flanders, to endeavour the freeing of her father-in-law from his imprisonment, by such means as she shall think fit. Approved 26 November. [*I.* 78, *p.* 298.] *Annexing,*

130. *Report from the Committee of Council thereon, being a brief summary of the preceding documents.* [1 *page.*]

Nov. 24. **131, 132.** Petition of Wm. Sheppard, serjeant-at-law, to the Protector. I have neglected my own family to spend time in the service, and have become distasteful to many by my unexpected call to your service, and my engagement so far therein as to print. Thus I have irrecoverably lost my practice in the country. I have 5 children of my own, and the widow and 3 children of a son, a minister, to provide for. By charge of removal and loss of practice, I have lost more than the salary I have received. I beg some office, or continuance of part of my salary, as a maintenance in my old age. [2 *copies.*]

Nov. 24. Reference thereon in Council to the Committee on the business of All Souls' College, Oxford, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 303.]

Nov. 24. **133.** Request that his Highness and Council would authorize the Commissioners for Prize Goods, in case the buyers fetch them not away in 10 days, to sell them to others, charging on the former contractors what they judge reasonable for the loss of time. Maj.-Gen. Desborow to report this to Council. [⅔ *page draft.*]

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1. Order on information that the Prize Goods' Commissioners have several sums not paid in to the State, and that many goods sold remain in a perishing condition and undelivered, whereby the buyers retain part of the payment,—that the Customs' Commissioners execute the following orders:—

(1.) To require from the Prize Goods' Commissioners an account of all contracts made for goods sold and not paid for, the nature of the contract, and the sum unpaid.

(2.) To call for all such debtors, and order them to pay the money within such time as the Prize Goods' Commissioners shall limit.

(3.) If any debtors object that the goods received were defective, or the usual allowance of tare, &c., not made, to allow what is usual, if the debtors will then pay what remains due, and if not, to report the case, with the best remedy they can devise, to Council.

(4.) To learn what goods are sold and not taken away, and use some means to make the buyers fetch and pay for them within the time limited, and to report any difficulties. All concerned therein to assist effectually. Approved 16 December.

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2. The Treasury Commissioners to take order that the 2,720*l.* due to Maj. Rob. Cobett, for coats for his Highness's forces under Sir J. Reynolds, be paid from the first money coming in from sale of prize goods.

3. The 2 draft orders drawn up on the vote of 12 November read and approved, with the addition of "assessments" to "customs and excise," as part of the revenue excepted from the order.

4. To remove John Armiger, prisoner in the Tower, to Dover Castle, and issue the necessary warrants accordingly. With the warrants to Maj.-Gen. Kelsey, governor of Dover Castle, and Sir John Berkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, accordingly. [*I.* 114, *p.* 102.]

5, 6. Order on report on the petition of Hannah Whalley [*see* 19 *November* 1657]—that Peter Whalley was appointed receiver at a fee of 16*d.* the pound, but that as he died on the second journey, 2*s.* a pound will only cover his charges—negativing the passing of the report for increasing the allowance, but ordering her a Privy Seal to pass gratis for 30*l.* *Annexing,*

134. *Report alluded to, advising the increase of the fee to* 2*s. in the pound.* [$\frac{5}{4}$ *page.*]

134. I. *Report by Rob. Pratt, on a reference of* 20 *November from the Committee of Council on the case, that the* 118*l. alluded to was due to Whalley as arrears on an uncollected account due to the Trustees for sale of Crown Lands; with details relating to the said accounts.* 23 *November* 1657. [2 *pages.*]

7. Order on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners that the charge of Gen. Blake's interment in Westminster Abbey is 550*l.*, that they give their warrant to the Navy Commissioners for payment of the same to the persons concerned. Approved 16 December. *Annexing,*

135. *Report alluded to,* 13 *November* 1657. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

135. I.–V. *Admiralty orders for the following charges connected with the funeral, in pursuance of the above order:—*

		£	*s.*	*d.*
12 *Feb.*, 1657–8.	*Adam Osgood, for chapel charges at the interment* - - -	21	0	0
15 „ „	*Gilbert Thacker, for black gartering and ribboning* - - -	45	17	0
9 *March* „	*Solomon Smith, Admiralty marshal, for boat hire and attendance of self and servants at the funeral*	6	0	0
24 „ „	*Simon Beale and Edw. Simpson, 2 of his Highness's trumpeters, 2l. each, and 22 other trumpeters, 1l. each, for attendance at the funeral*	26	0	0
30 *Apr.*, 1658.	*Rob. Walton, for black cloth* -	18	0	0

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8. To consider the return from the Commissioners at Taunton, concerning Lawrence Chislett, at the next sitting.

9. Council to meet at 4 this afternoon, to consider the Swedish business.

10. Order on information that some sick soldiers of Sir John Reynolds' force are come to Deal and Harwich, that the Mayor of Dover provide at Deal and Dover for those at Deal, and allow them 6*d.* a day, and the Mayor of Harwich do the same for those at Harwich, and that on their reporting their disbursements herein, order will be taken to repay them.

12. The petition of Wm. Norbury, concerning a concealment, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

13. Council to begin to sit at 9 a.m. on all the usual days for sitting.

14. On report from the Committee on the petition and remonstrance of the aldermen, &c., of Bristol—that they have heard the parties themselves, and divers well-affected citizens, on the articles against Wm. Hobson, and Anne his mother, and have found them proved, whereupon Wm. Hobson has obtained a *certiorari* out of the Upper Bench to remove the indictment from Bristol, where the parties are well known. Also that Hobson has brought actions against Capt. Blackwell, for showing zeal against their dissolute and abominable practices, and there being a trial last Taunton assizes against Blackwell, at suit of Wm. Hobson, Edw. Fox, at Hobson's request, wrote to one of the jury on their behalf, and thereupon, and on the testimony of John Fyson (who has been indicted for speaking against the Protector, and this proved by 2 witnesses), obtained a verdict against Blackwell, which much discourages honest people in the city from prosecuting offenders, and is prejudicial to its good government:—Order that the Lord Chief Justice be informed of this business, the Hobsons be bound to their good behaviour, and a course be taken against Fox for tampering with the jury.

That the Attorney-General and counsel-at-law take care that the indictment in Bristol against Fyson, for disgraceful words against his Highness, be effectually prosecuted.

That Desborow request Mr. Noel, under whom Fox is employed in Bristol as collector of excise, to discharge him.

That the 2 Hobsons, Fyson, and Fox be required to attend Council, and not to depart without leave. [*See* 24 *December* 1657.]

15. The Army Committee to assign the moneys due for arrears of assessments in London proportionably for pay of the horse and foot quartered in and about London and Westminster. Approved 16 December.

16. Order on Mr. Secretary's information that M. Schlezer, Agent for the Elector of Brandenburg, has been arrested this morning in St. James's Park, that he be immediately set at liberty, and that the Serjeant-at-arms take in custody [Rich. Ashton and the 3 other] bailiffs who arrested him, and [Ursula Johnson], at whose suit it was done. With warrants for their apprehension. [*I.* 114, *p.* 103]

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17. Order on resumption of the debate on the articles of the Swedish Treaty, that the same Committee reconsider the business, and report to-morrow afternoon.

18. The letter from the visitors of Oxford University to his Highness, with the papers annexed concerning All Souls' College, referred to Jones, Mulgrave Wolsley, Lord Deputy, Sydenham, Fiennes, and Lisle, to report. [*See also* 11 *January* 1657–8.] *Annexing,*

136. *The case of All Souls' College, Oxford.*

1. *The college has long been thought corrupt in buying and selling fellowships.*

2. *The resignations have been so ordered that, except in case of a death, no one stands for election without holding the benefit of a resigner, and resignations are not made till the evening before the election, so that none know what places will be void.*

3. *The fellows choose those who have obtained resignations, hoping the like compliance when they come to leave the college, and thus the Warden and fellows who desire reformation are out-voted.*

4. *Some of the leaders are fellows formerly divested of votes in any college, for non-submission to the reformation.*

5. *Unmeet persons are thus brought in, having only to obtain the assistance of the resigners.*

6. *Injunctions have been made, and oaths prescribed to prevent this, but have been evaded, and added perjury to corruption.*

7. *Soon after the election in* 1656, *Mr. Horton was troubled in conscience because he had given* 150*l. to obtain his fellowship, and therefore he resigned, after giving open testimony against this and other abuses.*

8. *This notwithstanding, the election this year has been in the same way as formerly, and though the Warden and some honest fellows wished to re-elect Horton, as likely to be eminently useful, the majority refused him, and the Sub-warden made a public speech against him, as having brought a scandal on the society.*

9. *They wholly laid aside the injunctions of the Visitors, drawn up with advice of the heads of houses, to prevent this scandalous corruption.* 16 *November* 1657. [2¼ *pages.*]

136. I. *Declaration at a meeting of the Visitors of Oxford University, that they make null and void all the late elections in All Souls' College, and will supply the vacant places according to orders from his Highness. None of the* 6 *resignations, except Mr. Horton's, were made and published according to the injunction of the former Visitors for preventing corruption in resignations, nor*

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any obedience yielded to their own like orders, made with advice and consent of sundry heads of colleges, to take away the corrupt practice of selling resignations in that and other colleges. Also corrupt dealing is suspected about the resignations making way for this election.

The letter of the statute was not observed in some of the elections, and thus a very deserving person was rejected. All this keeps up the dishonest custom of making resignations to the benefit of the resigners, which is contrary to the intentions of the founder, and discourages worthy persons from standing in the elections. 16 *November* 1657. [1½ *pages.*]

21. The petition of Wm. Dell referred to the Committee on All Souls' College, to report. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 296–302.]

Nov. 24. The Norwich, Leith Road. **137.** Capt. Mich. Nutton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have delivered the boxes, hampers, and trunks containing the register books of Scotland, to Lord Wariston, clerk registrar of Scotland, at Edinburgh. I have had very bad weather since I came out of the Thames. The Advice is in Leith Road. [½ *page.*]

Nov. 24. Gravelines. **138.** Hen. Cowdall to Mr. Kenton, Dover. I am still a prisoner, and have been very ill, having no food but bread and water. I hear that my mother has got a Spaniard in my place, but the Governor will not release me or my companions until the Spaniards he requires in exchange are sent over. I beg you and my parents to endeavour to have them sent over, otherwise I shall never see you again. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 24. **139.** Depositions of Jas. Flowers and Anth. Cole. Flowers was carpenter and Cole master's mate of the Batchelor, and on arriving at Puddle Wharf, London, from Plymouth, they became acquainted with Thos. Gusman, a Spanish merchant, who solicited them to put in a petition to the Admiralty Commissioners touching the release of 12 Spanish prisoners in Chelsea College, and to allege that they, the deponents, were taken men; he offered them 20*s.* a head for the 12 prisoners, in case they were released, and also 1*s.* each to bear their charges. Being poor men, they consented, and repaired to Gusman's lodgings, at the Golden Ball, in Maiden Lane, where the petition and papers were drawn up, in presence of Gusman, and handed to them, with instructions to apply for the prisoners' enlargement. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 24. The Assistance, Mardike. **140.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Half-moon has arrived, with provisions for 200 men for 6 weeks, which was a very welcome present, and not unseasonable; there is as yet no other ship dismissed for want except the Lily, but had not a supply come within 10 days, every ship must have been forced off for want of victuals, but now we can subsist till better furnished. We hear the Elias is coming with a second supply, but there is no news of completing their last proportion of victuals or necessary money, for which there is much complaint.

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Sir Richard [Stayner] writes me that there is wood and candles in the Downs, and that if any of my squadron want, they may have it by sending a ketch; but with us it is "keatch he than can keatch," for I never had yet either ketch or hoy, or any other convenience so much as to send a letter, but what was accidental, much less to fetch wood or anything else, notwithstanding I have often mentioned it.

I have had sad complaints from most of the commanders of their want of men, by reason of sickness and death, and some of them are not able to move out of harbour whatever presents, unless I spare some of my own, and I want upwards of 20; the men daily fall down sick, I suppose through their extraordinary duty, in being constantly employed in landing provisions, which cannot be done without wading.

We have always expected some attempt from the enemy, and have stood in a continual posture of defence. I shall charge Capt. Parker, and the rest of the commanders here and in the Flemish Roads, to continue it, and endeavour to prevent any damage to the squadron by their fire-ships. [1⅓ *pages.*]

Nov. 25. **141.** Petition of Wm. Wood, merchant, to the Privy Council. I have waited 3 years for payment of 5,000*l.* due from the Exchequer in Scotland for lands sold in 1641, as appears by a report from the Judges in Scotland to whom the case was referred, on which report his Highness granted me an order for payment out of discoveries; but I have spent a great deal on a discovery against Lady Norton, and reaped no benefit, and I have not money to follow such intricate business. I petitioned again, and his Highness requested you to dispatch me speedily, being satisfied of the justness of the debt. I have spent 1,000*l.* on it, lost my trade, and am depending on the charity of friends. I therefore beg a Privy Seal for the debt and charges, from his Highness's part of prohibited and uncustomed goods discovered by me, or any other way. [1 *sheet.*]

Nov. 25. Order thereon that Council can do nothing, but leaves the petitioner to Parliament. [*See* 27 *December* 1657. *I.* 78, *p.* 306.]

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1. Order on report from the Committee on the petition of Wm. Sheppard—that in respect of the loss of his practise by being called out of the country, he should have 100*l.* a year till further order—for a warrant for the said payment from the Exchequer. *Annexing,*

142. *Report alluded to, by Mulgrave, Lord Deputy, and Wolsley.* 25 *November* 1657. [⅔ *page.*]

2, 3. The report of the Treasury Commissioners concerning money charged on the Exchequer to be considered to-morrow, and then the business of Jamaica.

7. The Serjeant-at-arms to allow Ursula Johnson—in custody, because at her suit the Brandenburg Agent was arrested—her liberty, on security to appear when ordered.

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8. The petition and papers of Geo. Billinghurst, concerning his salary as clerk of the Trustees for sale of Forfeited Estates, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

9. The Treasury Commissioners to receive the 2 embossed plates of gold and silver respectively, presented by Gualter Frost, which were made for the trial of silver and gold by order of the Council of State in 1649, and to keep them for the State's use.

10. Order on Sydenham's report of several resolutions from the Committee on the Piedmont Protestants:—

That Gabriel Beck prosecute the business concerning the *certioraris* ordered to the several *custodes rotulorum* in the several counties, for returning names of parishes, which same are to be issued gratis.

To write to the Lord-Deputy and Council of Ireland to forward to the Treasurers appointed all sums there collected for the said Protestants, and not paid.

To order the Treasurers, beside the money already sent, to transmit 1,500*l.* more, and allow 2 per cent. for charge of carriage. Approved 27 November.

To pay Sam. Moreland 300*l.* for his pains, from the interest on the loan of part of the money collected. Approved 16 December.

12. A letter from the Council in Scotland of 30 June 1657, concerning the fine of Sir Thos. Thompson, of Duddingstone, referred back to the same Committee to act. Approved 16 December. [*I.* 78, *p.* 303–306.]

Nov. 25. The London, Downs. **143.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. I cannot get any pilots from Deal or Dover to take charge of the Dragon and Colchester; I sent a warrant to the Deputy of Deal, who told me they pleaded the danger of the coast and that they could not live on the small pay the Commissioners give them, so that if some course is not taken with them, there will be none to carry the ships to any place. There are several ships at the Brill bound home that have no convoy; shall I send the Convert for them, and the Elias to Mardike, when the Half Moon comes? Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships. I am prevented victualling those who need it through the bad weather. [1 *page.*]

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143. I. *Copy of the warrant to the Deputy of Deal alluded to.* 23 *November* 1657. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 25. The Assistance, Mardike. **144.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. The reason why I am short of 20 men, when I had my full complement after coming out of Denmark last October, is that I have lost many by discharges through sickness or death, and had no opportunity to recruit. This is the condition of most ships at Mardike, especially the Signet, whose officers are all sick ashore, and her master dead. I will go into the Flemish Road the first opportunity.

I did not write the Navy Commissioners for a cable and anchor, as Sir Richard promised, if the Vice-Admiral did not supply me, he would. I desired the master of the ketch might be required to

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obey my orders, supposing he would be thereby engaged to a more punctual observance of what I shall require of him, but it must be with respect to the business for which he is designed; and although, in the prosecution of what he is commanded by the General at Dover, he may without prejudice sometimes call in the Downs, and answer some occasions in his way to Dover, it will be impossible for him to answer all occasions both of fort and squadron, without prejudice to the service of both. I therefore desire they will afford me that convenience to the whole squadron which is allowed to every second-rate ship. [1⅓ *pages.*]

Nov. 25. The Lyme, Lisbon. **145.** Capt. Jno. Stoakes to the Admiralty Commissioners. I wrote you of having withdrawn from before Cadiz, and of leaving Capt. Storey and 6 frigates there, and of the arrival of the Phoenix and Guinea at Lisbon with the victuals. Having received his Highness's commands for sending home the whole fleet, except 10 frigates, I countermanded the order for fitting and victualling the great ships and others, and sent to call away Capt. Storey, who with the rest came to me on the 9th, and brought intelligence that the enemies' preparations are continued, but go on slowly, through the bad weather; also their Vice-Admiral was burnt down to the keel, taking fire while on the careen, and greatly endangering the whole fleet.

I have been kept at Lisbon longer than I expected, and prevented from sending home the ships found most unserviceable, having been unable to receive the victuals, or do anything considerable 2 days out of 20. I am going to Cadiz, and thence to the Straits. I keep 10 frigates with me. The ships I send home are commanded by Vice-Adm. Jonas Poole, who has, by Gen. Blake's order, ever since he left, kept a flag on the foretopmast head, and assisted as my second, in which respect I recommend him for consideration.

The Dutch have left the coast, having taken 17 of the Portuguese Brazil fleet, but where gone is not known. If for Holland, they will scarcely [counter] value the loss the Dutch have sustained in their own ships by bad weather, which has been such for 6 weeks that the like was never known before. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 25. The Lyme, Port of Lisbon. **146.** Capt. Jno. Stoakes to the Navy Commissioners. After the departure of Gen. Blake, who left the remaining squadron under my command, the Hampshire and two others arrived, with provisions and stores, which I have since distributed amongst the fleet, and enclose the account of what each officer has received. I have sent another account to the Officers of ordnance, for the guns and gunners' stores. There had been some mistake in the shipping of them, some being short, others overplus, and some not at all mentioned, which induced me to believe that the storekeepers were in error, and therefore I gave the skippers a full discharge, according to the invoice. I have sent home the greatest part of the fleet unfit for present service, under Vice-Adm. Jonas Poole, as ordered by his Highness, and to-morrow or next day, I intend to sail with the remainder under my command, in prosecution of instructions lately received from his Highness. The Dutch have taken 17 of the Portugal Brazil fleet. [1½ *pages.*]

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Nov. 26. **147.** Petition of Francis Thorpe, serjeant-at law, to the Protector, for his arrears of salary. Had a warrant for payment of 1,550*l.*, the original of which is with Frost, but has received only 250*l.* Knows he has incurred his Highness's displeasure, though he desired to serve him. When called to public service, was taken from the practice of his profession, and now returning to it, begs removal of displeasure, and payment. With reference to Privy Council, 20 June 1656. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

147. I. *Warrant to Frost to pay* 1,550*l. to Thorpe as Baron of the Exchequer.* 8 *February* 1656–7. [*Copy,* $\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Nov. 26. Note of the reading of the petition in Council, but no order. [*J.* 78, *p.* 308.]

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1. Desborow, Sydenham, Mulgrave, Jones, and Strickland, to be a Committee to consult with the mayor of Newport on the matter about which he was sent for, and report.

3. Approval by the Protector of an order of 24 November.

4. A draft letter from his Highness and Council to the Visitors of Oxford amended and agreed to. Approved 27 November.

5. The Commissioners for ejection of scandalous Ministers in cos. Somerset, Cambridge, Essex, and Suffolk to be named by the former Committee on this matter, who are to sit at the rising of Council.

6. To add to the Commissioners for ejection of scandalous Ministers in co. Lincoln, Rob. West, John West, and Rob. Phillips of Wispington. Approved 16 December.

8. Gen. Monk's proposal of forces necessary for the safety of Scotland read.

9. To write to him to make a reducement according to these proposals.

10. The General's proposals referred to the Assessment Commissioners, to reduce the Scotch assessment accordingly.

11. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Col. Legoe 300*l.* for beds for his Highness's regiment at James's.

13. Lord-Deputy reports that the Committee appointed waited on Lord Fairfax according to order, and presents a paper from his lordship accordingly.

14. Whereas John Birch and 5 others were ordered, 10 Aug. 1655 and 5 Feb. 1656–7, to pay to Col. Wroth Rogers the sums in their hands raised in co. Hereford, for defence of the county at the time of the battle of Worcester, to go towards 329*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* disbursed by him for pay of forces to defend Hereford garrison in the insurrection, and the said Birch, John Cholmley, and John Herring, have each paid 50*l.*;—order that the Treasury Commissioners see that the others, viz., Silas Taylor, Rich. Dolphin, and the executors of John Flackett, who is dead, pay the money in their hands.

15. The demand of Jasper Clutterbuck, of Gloucester, late Receiver-general for the monthly assessments in the county, for

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billet money paid by order of Sir Wm. Constable for his regiment, and for 14 days' advance money, paid by like order, referred to Thos. Hodges, Thos. Perry, senior and junior, and 3 others, to examine the truth of the demand, how much of the tax is in arrear and uncollected, and in what places, and return a speedy account to Council. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 306–9.] *Annexing,*

148. *Draft of the said order, addressed to Gen. Desborow.* [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 26. The Adventure, Harwich. **149.** Capt. V. Tatnell to the Admiralty Commissioners. The soldiers have mutinied, and brought the ship to Harwich, and will not allow the provisions to be taken on board. Major Waters has drawn a party that put them in fear, and made them more conformable. We have been here 4 days, but it will be a week before we are ready. The soldiers are in a sad condition through diseases. Some vessels have come in, and report that 6 men-of-war went from Ostend, but know not which way. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 26. Mardike Fort. **150.** General John Reynolds to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have forborne often writing, as the commander of your squadron communicates with me the letters he sends, but I have always given notice of any intentions of the enemy to attack the ships, who conceive themselves safe. I suppose you have the security of the ships in Dunkirk Road from frigates abroad (rather than from fire ships out of the town's fort) in your consideration. The Assurance may be serviceable there, but if the Splinter had not been capable of giving shelter to the 3rd-rate ships, according to the mis-information of some who came hence, that frigate had been in great danger.

I understand you have ordered the ketch belonging to Mr. White of Dover to attend Capt. Sparling, for the use of the squadron. I desire either another ketch, or that order countermanded, there being a necessity of one to this fort, to carry packets and fetch fresh provisions from the coast of England, this place being no other than a great ship at anchor, only there is less advantage of fresh fish here than in a ship. But I hope it will prove a place of much mercy to England, and therefore beseech you to favour me either with a packet boat or ketch. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 26. The Assistance, Mardike. **151.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Drake was forced off the coast in the last storm, and I fear she has lost her anchors and cables. If we had been in Mardike Pitts, as we we were in the Splinter, we had also been forced off, if not to a greater damage, as several frigates in Mardike have lost their boats and broken their cables, and the Nightingale has not a boat left. A small vessel of Dover with bread and beer, which they intended to sell to the soldiers, was surprised by two shallops of Gravelines, which rowed out upon them, they having no convoy The Hare pink has been gone 15 days to St. Vallery, to convoy some victuallers to Mardike, but has not since been heard of.

I am still troubled with complaints for want of men, and Capt. Finch is not able to go to sea, 5 of his men being sick at Dover, and

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he having only 30. If the Dartmouth is still in the river, pray order her to entertain as many volunteers as she can, not exceeding 80, provided they be seamen, which will be a present recruit to the whole squadron; our vacancy will admit of their entry here the day he entertains them, so that it will be no charge at all to the State. Capt. Street is in Dover Pier, where he will have to continue until better weather. [1 *page*.]

Nov. 26. **152.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Transmission of letters, &c. I send you a bill of 428 crowns. The Provost asks when you will be in Paris, for he wants to write you something of concernment that he would not have miscarry.

I have secured the 5th volume of the Oriental Bible. Yours is worth 5*l.* more than it was when you went. Ask when Biblia Magna will be finished at Paris, and what new authors are added, and in how many volumes. I would deal with Mr. Cramoisis for 100 copies of Selden's Eutichius, which I expect at Christmas, and none but he shall have them in Paris. There were but 500 in all. It is in 2 vols., and will be 15 livres without discount. Send us 2 or 3 novelties by Mr. Norris. There is an election this week at your college. [1 *page*.]

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1, 2. And. Green and 5 others, who have made great spoil in Chapel Hainault Walk, Waltham Forest, to be sent for to answer before Council; Fras. Ingoldsby, keeper of the walk, to see that notice is given them, and Carew Hen. Mildmay to see that charges are drawn up against them, and exhibited to Council.

4. Order on a paper subscribed by Lord Willoughby of Parham, proposing James Earl of Exeter, and Wm. Willoughby of Hunsdon, co. Herts, to be his security, that they be accepted as such.

5. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 25 November. [*I.* 78, *p.* 310.]

Nov. 27. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Dr. John Conant, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, Dr. John Owen, Dean of Christ Church, and the other visitors of the University. His Highness and Council have considered your letters and the papers giving an account of your proceedings as visitors, approve your care and diligence, and recommend you to prosecute the business, in discharge of your trust, according to the powers given you by Ordinance of his Highness and Council, and confirmed by Parliament, to do as may conduce to the reformation of the University in general, and All Souls' College in particular. You shall have all encouragement from them. [*I.* 78, *p.* 840.]

Nov. 27. The London, Downs. **153, 154.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. Arrival and departure of ships. Yesterday Lord Updam, with a fleet of about 30 sail, hauled in near Dover, struck his flag, and saluted the Castle, as also the London, as did also his vice and rear admirals, which we returned; but afterwards, meeting the Dragon, Capt. Groves, and the Colchester, they desired his lordship to take in his flag, but he was very unwilling, and told them he was not to strike to every sail he met; they replying that if he did not strike they

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would sink by his side, he caused his flag to be furled in a great rage, and so kept it until he was out of sight of the ships.

P.S.—The Nantwich and Centurion have arrived with letters from Capt. Stoakes at Lisbon. The Commander reports that all the fleet except 5 sail are lying there in good condition, but have had exceeding bad weather, and that the Hollanders whom they met at sea were very civil to them. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Nov. 27. Dec. 7. Posnam. Dr. Davison to Sec. Nicholas. Having been with the Queen the latter end of last year, while the King of Poland was at Dantzic, I lost the occasion of seeing Gen. Middleton, and so only lately received the King's letters. His commands therein "shall be religiously cultured by the most eminent affections of my heart and life." Though there is no court in Europe more addicted to his interests than this, yet whatever Gen. Middleton commands me from the King shall be punctually obeyed, and I doubt not of good effect, for last night I heard the King of Poland, in presence of the Queen, talking very tenderly of our King's interests, and saying that if it pleased God to send peace in his own kingdom, he would grant 10,000 men to re-establish his Majesty.

P.S.—Remember me to the Lord Chancellor. Noted, received 5 May. [1 *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

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His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

*2. Sir J. Berkstead to allow Francis Lord Willoughby, of Parham, a week's absence from the Tower, on renewing his former or some fit security.

3. Mr. Secretary, Jones, Desborow, Lord Deputy, Fiennes, and Pickering, to consider and alter a draft order on Lord Willoughby's case, and report.

*5. **155.** The Ordnance officers at the Tower to deliver to Major Clement Keene 140 muskets, 140 collars of bandoleers, and 80 pikes, for his Highness's regiment, under command of Col. Fras. White, and the Admiralty Commissioners to issue their warrant accordingly. *Annexing,*

155. I. *Major Clem. Keene to Lord-Deputy Fleetwood. Request for the above order.* 27 *November* 1657. [⅔ *page.*]

6. To add "and on consideration of an answer exhibited to Council by Mr. Dolphin" to last Thursday's order for payment by him to Col. Wroth Rogers.

7. Order on petition of several inhabitants of Abbots Leigh parish, co. Hunts, that any godly persons whom the inhabitants may procure have liberty to preach in the public meeting place of the town on week days, whereunto they may be summoned by a bell, and the incumbent and others concerned are not to interfere.

8. On petition of Kath. Kenkins, and Eliz. and Anne Jenkins, daughters of David Jenkins—that much of their late father's real and personal estate has been seized for the State's use, and a small part undiscovered has hitherto been preserved, whereof they pray

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a grant for support of themselves and their mother:—Order that any part of their father's estate belonging to the State and concealed, which they shall discover, be allowed them, to the value of 100 marks a year.

9. Order on report on the case of Ralph Grundy, who has suffered for his faithfulness to the State—that his Highness be advised to order him 30*l.*, 15*l.* now and 15*l.* half a year hence. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 311–314.]

Nov. 28. Weston. **156.** Sir Fras. Norris to Williamson. Thanks for your care and industry bestowed on Ned. I see you will come as far as Paris. I wish you would come to England with him. I want to see you both together. The news of Mr. Whorwood is sad. [1 *page, damaged.*]

Nov. 28. Centurion, Downs. **157.** Capt. Ant. Spatchurst to the Navy Commissioners. I came from Lisbon with the Nantwich and the Port Merchant under convoy, and saw them into the Downs. The fleet at Lisbon were taking in their provisions and fitting with all speed, it being reported that the Spaniard is also fitting out his fleet, and "some of them will attempt to go for the West Indies this winter, if they can get an opportunity of a Levant, for then many times the frigates be put away to the westward of St. Lucar." [1 *page.*]

Nov. 28. The London, Downs. **158.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. Capt. Spatchurst of the Centurion has arrived with 2 ships from Portugal, and spoke a ship of Southampton that came from Jamaica 8 weeks since, who said Gen. Bryant, governor there, was dead. I have victualled some ships out of others, the proportion sent from London being so short, and I still want beef, pork, butter, and cheese. I have sent the Wakefield to Seine Head, with a convoy, and the Elias to Mardike, with 5 vessels laden with deals, guns, and other provisions for the fort; I ordered a ketch to convoy another from Dover thither, with hay and deals. Particulars of ships. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 29. The London, Downs. **159.** Sir Richard Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will give orders to Capt. Grymesditch of the Princess Mary to go to Lee Road, and the Nantwich and Centurion to Woolwich. The Centurion arrived last night, with several packets and other things for you, his Highness, and Lord Montague, I know not of what concernment, and therefore I have sent up a man to see they are safely delivered. I have written Capt. Sparling to hasten the dispatch of the Half Moon and Elias, and if he can spare one or two of the 6th rate vessels that are with him, to order them to attend the Governor of Calais; I will appoint the Pembroke to that service until his answer is received. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 29. London. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish. By yours of 19 and 30 June and 31 August, we perceive the means used for reparation concerning the Resolution, although without the success that might be expected in so just a cause: we are much troubled by the sufferings of the poor captain, and the death of the

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commander. We hope that a more seasonable juncture of time may offer, wherein you may prevail with better effect, and that we shall not always be subject to their injuries, depredations, and piratical attempts, by compelling our ships into their service, as in the case of the Mary Rose and Flying Horse at Scala Nova, the Hunter at Scio, &c. We fear they intend no reparation, but rather an increase of hostilities, to which end doubtless they are building that fort at the entrance to Smyrna, the consequence whereof to our trade we cannot imagine. Not knowing at this distance how to resolve herein, we permit the Consul and Factory at Smyrna, in case of imminent danger, to remove themselves, with your assent, to some other convenient place, or to send orders to meet and prevent our ships before they enter that port. Thanks for your care in the timely discovery, and preventing the designs of the Customer and Basha of Aleppo. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 298, 299.]

Nov. 29. London. Levant Company to Spencer Bretton, Consul at Smyrna. Yours of $\frac{22}{24}$ July and 3 September are to hand. We are sensible of the abuses put upon us by masters of ships, and of the opportunities they gain by touching at Leghorn, as the master of the Castle frigate does. We approve your dealings with him, in forcing him to pay to the uttermost for his own goods, and shortening him in other respects, and pray you to continue your vigilance in discovery of all means to defraud us of our duties, and to reduce them and the factors to better conformity, wherein we hope soon to make better provision. We doubt not but our treasurer, Phil. Langley, will be assistant thereunto.

We are sorry for the hazard our ships have to undergo in trading, whereof the Hunter, Recovery, and Resolution are sad instances. For the proceedings concerning the last, we should have thought no people could be so barbarous as to deny reparation, though we fear it may be made more difficult by the action of Captain Ell, in running away with the Grand Seignior's provisions to Leghorn, which has been so resented that his Highness has, by letters to the Grand Duke, procured the ship, goods, and commander to be secured, and commanded the Agent, Mr. Longland, to see the provisions returned; this you may make public, to prevent offence, as his Highness's letters, telling the Grand Vizier of what is done, are already gone.

We are sorry the Turk's design of building a fort at Jacomos Point goes on with such resolution, and though we are sensible of the danger to our shipping and trade which may ensue, yet at this distance, we cannot resolve how to act, so we commend ourselves to your care and prudence, to consult the Factory and the Ambassador at Constantinople, and with his consent, in case of imminent danger, to remove yourselves to some other convenient place, and to meet our ships, before their arrival at Smyrna, with orders of what course to pursue; we shall advise them to remain at some distance till they hear from you. The course you used for hindering our ships' engagement in their service we fully approve.

If there be in your Cancellaria a list of the warrants and other papers of Sir Sackville Crow, which were in the hands of his

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Highness's agent at Smyrna, and sent to us hither, we pray you hasten to us a copy, sufficiently authenicated for their better proof in evidence here. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 299–301.]

Nov. 29. London. Levant Company to Hen. Riley, Consul at Aleppo. We observe, by yours of 2 July, the continued practices of the new Basha against us, not only in relation to the estate and death of Ben. Alexander, but in his endeavour to revive the whole payment of 3 per cent. on moneys, and his pretence to the arrears thereon as his due. We are glad that by a timely discovery his design was prevented; for as he is so apt to lay snares for us, we have the more reason to be on our guard.

Wm. Love, a member of our company, has complained that since 1650, he has consigned to John Morden there goods and money to a considerable value, whereof the greater part remains in his hands, and he refuses to deliver it to Rich. Young, though required by a procuro presented before you, and by a protest read here in Court by Mr. Love.

We pray you to call Young and Morden before you, and let Morden discharge himself of what justly and according to his books he can, and deliver what remains of the money and goods, and also the accounts, to Young. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 301.]

Nov. 29. / Dec. 9. Saumur. **160.** M. de Lerpinierè to Williamson. I sent you your books by Nantes for London. Further complaints of Robinson's unfair dealings. I beg you will get him to be reasonable, as it was through regard to you that I sent him books. [1 *page, French.*]

Nov. 30. **161.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to [the Admiralty Commissioners]. In pursuance of your order, grounded on a petition from Capt. Lambert concerning the derelict, and lest Capt. Lambert should suggest in the petition that I had reaped the benefit of his labours, I crave your favour to state matters of fact and proceedings thereupon.

When I had knowledge, by an express from Capt. Pley of Dartmouth, that there was a vessel stranded in Torbay, and that the country people would probably make havoc of her, I hastened back the express, and empowered Capt. Pley to require the assistance of the constables of the parish where she was ashore, and to take the assistance of some friends, whereby the mischief of the country people (too much accustomed heretofore to be done) might be prevented. The next day I rode thither, and found 3 or 4 of the men who brought her there standing near, and the rest quartered in the country. The lieutenant of the Lion, and one Fortescue, who was accounted the master of the vessel, had gone to Dartmouth to sell their and the company's right, which they pretended to be one half; and having discoursed with the lieutenant and Fortescue, I dissuaded them from any such sale, and said that I supposed Capt. Lambert, under whose command they were, expected to hear from them first; but they said he had nothing to do with it, for although it was true Capt. Lambert took her up at first, and put men into her, yet her condition was such that those men forsook

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Nov. 30. her, and made a protest against the sea, under the hands of the boatswain of the Lion and others, which they showed me, and said that the men that came in her were volunteers, having only the leave of Capt. Lambert, which they (as they pretended) after many desires, obtained. Fortescue told me that he was a passenger in the ship, having commanded one of the ships from Barbadoes, which Gen. Penn took there, where he was a planter, which ship being left at Jamaica, he came home passenger in the Lion, and that Capt. Lambert had nothing to do with him, and all the assistance which they had from him was that he promised to keep them company; but when they came between the Start and the Berry, he left them in a storm, and so much favour he supposed they might have had from a stranger.

I also gave notice to those who had treated with them that it would be hazardous to part with any money, for I found that it was the great endeavour of Fortescue to possess himself of it, and the lieutenant was too much carried away with him. At last they were very earnest with me to buy it of them, saying they were empowered by the company who brought her in to sell their part, which they conceived to be the one half, and the other half mine, "and so," said they, "you may better save her, and keep the country [people] from her than we can;" for where the vessel lay, the sea flowed into her every flood, and ran out again when the tide fell; but I refused to meddle with them. I endeavoured to persuade the seamen to assist in bringing her to Dartmouth, and for the carpenters to stop her leaks, so that we might keep her free with pumps, but they refused, and the generality were more inclinable to follow their ship, where they said they had much wages due, only they desired me to pay their quarters, and give them some money to carry them to London. By this time 7 or 8 days were past after their first coming ashore, so I gave orders to the constables to warn all their landladies to bring in their notes, and in their presence, I paid for 51 of them at the rate of 7*s.* a week, besides extraordinaries, and then gave 10*s.* a man to 45, as also passes; for one sick man, I got a woman to entertain him at 7*s.* a week, and when he was recovered, he also had 10*s.* and a pass; but for 4 of the seamen whom I found more serious than the rest, I prevailed with them to stay in the vessel, and the lieutenant and master were resolved to stay to see what they could make.

It would be too tedious to tell you what devices they had to sell things out of the vessel, and how they were prevented; but when this was done, and the foul weather somewhat allayed, I desired Capt. Pley to get some carpenters at Dartmouth to go to the vessel, and endeavour to stop her leaks. When the lieutenant and Fortescue saw this, they gave their assistance, but it was under another design; and though I had treated them with all due civility, and been out of purse between 50*l.* and 60*l.*, yet they had it in their thoughts, and would have persuaded some of the men, when the vessel came into Torbay, to go with her to the eastward, and if they could get to any part of Hampshire, the lieutenant assured them that his uncle, Major Murford of Portsmouth, was

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Nov. 30. Deputy Vice-Admiral, from whom he was confident they would have what they desired. This design I prevented, and yet said little or nothing to them about it; but after the vessel was made capable to swim, I got seamen, and gave orders for her being brought to Dartmouth, which was done. She had not been there 6 hours but there arose such a violent storm, and the wind easterly, that in all probability it had split the vessel all in pieces where she first lay. When she was thus quiet in the harbour, and they could safely free her with the pumps, they found there was so much leakage in the casks of whale oil that it was pumped up with the water out of the hold, whereupon address was made to the Admiralty Court for a commission to land and preserve it, which commission was granted, and the oil on board was landed, and found to be in a perishing condition; thereupon another address was made to the Court for a commission to sell, which was also granted.

During this time the lieutenant went to London, to petition his Highness for half of the vessel and oil, having first received a considerable sum of money of Capt. Pley, but I cannot say how much, as Capt. Pley has not yet passed his account of payments and disbursements, and moneys relating to sales. Before the lieutenant went, he and Fortescue, the master, agreed that Fortescue was to stay, and when the oil came to be sold, to buy it, which he did, almost all of it; but when the time for payment came, he would pay for none. Thereupon I had an attachment against his person out of the Admiralty, and he appeared, but could make no good defence. As he was poor and full of deceit, I got an attachment against the oil which he had bought, and had it condemned, and another commission for sale granted. By that time the price of the oil was much fallen, and the commodity itself grown worse, so that when myself and other Commissioners named came to put the commission in execution, we found that those who came to buy offered little more than half of what at first it would have yielded; besides, I observed a confederacy amongst the buyers, whereupon a friend bought almost all of it; but the price being much fallen at St. Malo, where 7 or 8 months before it would have yielded a very great rate, and the commodity not being fit for this country, it was sent to London, where much of it proved bad, and one who bought part proved little better, for there is yet part of his money unpaid; but it was sold for as much as it would yield. I had an account thereof, but the last time I was in London, and since I came home, I have written Capt. Pley to bring his papers, so that we may perfect accounts. I expect him within 14 days, and shall bring the account with me when I come to London next January.

The 4 seamen who stayed with the vessel, and proved careful and honest, had 6*l.* each, besides diet. Fortescue, before he proved so bad, had 15*l.* to 20*l.*, but I cannot say what the lieutenant had, as the money disbursed was paid by Capt. Pley, with whom the accounts are.

The greatest part of the money received I have, and it may be 100*l.* more than I may humbly claim as my just due, the one half of any derelict having been always accounted the Vice-Admiral's, and

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continually enjoyed by him, such casualties hardly happening in an age. Besides, I may say with comfort that I have so settled things within this country that I hope, in time to come, if any be in distress, they will rather have help than hurt, and some have found the benefit already. This was not done without some expense and trouble, and I have besides several cruel persons now in suit at my own charge, in the behalf of a poor Frenchman who was driven ashore last winter near the Start, whose vessel they first plundered, and afterwards broke her to pieces and carried her away. [3 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

161. I. *Abstract of the above.* [1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 30. The Assistance, Mardike. **162.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have disposed of the victuals brought by the Half Moon amongst ships named, and intend the proportion in the Elias for my own ship and those in the Flemish Road, so I have ordered her to anchor there until the weather will permit its being taken in. There is a great want of wood throughout the squadron, but I know not how to supply them except by a ketch or hoy, for want of which I am not able to procure necessaries, or even fresh water, but we are often forced to boil the victuals in salt water; there is no boat to all the ships in the Flemish Road that is able to fetch it, except the fisher-boat sent, which cannot fetch enough. [1 *page.*]

Nov. Whitehall. **163.** Petition of Capt. John Jeffrey, late commander of the Nantwich, to the Protector. Has served faithfully in the fleet, and been in most of the engagements with the Dutch. In September 1656, at the surprisal of the Spanish galleons before Cadiz, commanded the Nantwich in Sir Rich. Stayner's squadron, and attacked one of the galleons, who made a signal for parley, and on sending a pinnace on board, they desired quarter, and brought out several parcels of gold, and more was seized above deck. Bought some of the pieces, and kept them till the surprisal of the Dutch ship Fame, carrying Spanish passengers, by Capts. Spatchurst and Pointz, when, on false information, Vice-Adm. Bourne sent for him, detained him, had his ship searched, and the gold, 1,400*l.* value, which he had bought, seized, except 3 pieces, value 200*l.*, given him by passengers. Begs its restoration by the Admiralty Commissioners. With reference thereon, signed by the Protector, to the Admiralty Commissioners. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

163. I. *Certificate by Captains Edw. Witheridge, Nath. Browne, and Robt. Clarke, that when before Cadiz, Capt. Jeffrey was possessed of money, and offered to lend them* 100*l. or* 200*l. each, and that he asserted he had brought* 500*l. with him to buy any prize that was taken, if he could obtain so much favour.* [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. ? **164.** Petition of Elizabeth, wife of Thos. Moore, aged 76, yeoman usher to the late King, to Gen. Lambert and Col. Jones. During the whole wars my husband and family resided in London, and freely contributed to this Government. He has a warrant from the Somerset House Trustees for 8*l.*, which is unpaid, but he is left out

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1657. of this list [of the King's servants], and is not likely to obtain relief. I have come 40 miles on purpose, and beg an order to Hum. Jones to pay me the 8*l.* on sight. With note of an order by a Committee of Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

164. I. *Certificate by John Coleman and 3 others to the good conduct, age, and poverty of Thos. Moore.* 28 *June* 1656. [*Scrap.*]

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Dec. 1. **1.** Petition of the inhabitants of Anglesea to the Protector. Our county, 20 miles by 14, an island, has but one market town, Beaumaris, in a remote part. Those of us who are near have therefore, at great risk and damage, to ferry to the weekly market at Carnarvon, while those on the other coast have no market. Since the late troubles, there has been a weekly meeting at a village called Llanythmeath, in the centre of the island, and also yearly fairs; but in a settled Government, we fear these are illegal without licence. We therefore beg a patent to David Lloyd of Lloydearth, who owns most of the village, and is well affected, to erect and keep a weekly market and 5 yearly fairs there, keeping a toll-book and just weights and measures. Signed and sealed by John Sydenham, and with 39 original signatures; endorsed with 52 more names, all in one hand. [1½ *sheets.*]

Dec. 1. Order thereon in Council for a writ of *ad quod damnum.* as to whether the keeping of the said markets and fairs will prejudice anyone. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 314–5.]

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His Highness present.

1, 2. Order,—on his Highness's delivering to Council a paper of reasons concerning the Duke of Buckingham's liberty—that Council find it inconsistent with their duty to advise his Highness to grant the duke his liberty, as is desired; Strickland and Wolsley to communicate this to Lord Fairfax.

3, 4. To consider the certificate of Geo. Searle and others concerning Lawrence Chislett of Taunton, and also David Leslie's petition, next sitting.

6. On report from the Committee on petition of several officers and soldiers in his Highness's foot regiment at James', and that formerly under Col. G. Benson and Maj. Wm. Hill of Guildford,—that they find several orders passed to the Worcester House Commissioners on February 5 1656–7, to audit the accounts of the said two regiments, and Hill was to give debentures for arrears, which the Trustees were to allow, and give bills to buy crown lands, as is usual; and that, in accordance with various orders, meetings have been held to settle these and other accounts, whereby it appears that the said regiments were disbanded by Order in Parliament of

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24 December 1647, except two companies continued for defence of Liverpool, and that they are within the security of the Act for satisfying army arrears, and therefore should be paid;—order that debentures be allowed as is desired.

7. Order on a letter and report from the Admiralty Commissioners,—setting forth the great loss for want of money to pay off the ships that are called in—that the Committee for Money consider that report, and a like report of 20 October last, containing a list of the present debts, and an estimate of the growing charge of the navy, meet speedily, and report how moneys may be best provided. *Annexing,*

2. *Letter alluded to,* 1 *December* 1657. [1 *page, report missing.*]

9. Order,—on his Highness's delivering a breviate of grievances of the Piedmontese Protestants, notwithstanding the several instances made by Lord-Ambassador Lockhart to the French Court on their behalf—that Mr. Secretary prepare a letter for his Highness's signature, according to that paper.

10. Order, on further consideration of the report on Hannah Whalley's case, revoking the order of 24 November last for payment to her of 30*l.*, and granting her 2*s.* in lieu of 16*d.* in the pound on her husband's account. [*J.* 78, *pp.* 314–8.]

Dec. 1. The Constant Warwick, Plymouth Sound.

3. Capt. Robt. Vessey to the Admiralty Commissioners. After my letters from St. Martin's of the 9th ult., I set sail to look after some of the enemies' men-of-war, but meeting with a storm, was forced under Belle Isle, where I rode with much difficulty, lost an anchor, and part of a cable, and received much damage to my sails and rigging. Twice I was resolved to cut my masts by the board, but I preserved them, and all things else; 6 days after, I put into St. Martin's, and was there much affronted by 3 Holland men-of-war, who wore their flags, and caused their merchantmen to do the like, to the disgrace of our nation. At their going out, I weighed after them, and when in the road, fired twice at their flags, when the Admiral replied; had not night prevented, I had resolved to sink by their sides, rather than they should have continued in their pride, my men being all free to lose their lives rather than suffer that abuse.

I hope you will not be offended with what I have done, as although my instructions do not lead me to it, yet the articles of Peace extend further; but I will not do anything for the future until I hear from you what may be done in like cases. The Commander-in-chief of the three sail was Everson.

I convoyed 18 sail of merchantmen from St. Martin's, some bound for England, and others for Ireland; there were many more, but bad weather prevented their coming together, and my small prize and one of my convoys, becoming separated, were both cast away; but the men were saved. I have delivered up my other man-of-war prize to the Prize Officers at Plymouth, and if they fit her out, I desire that some of the officers that were at the taking of her may

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be preferred to her, as she will be a serviceable 6th rate, being a new frigate, and will carry 16 guns. I have received much damage in my sails and rigging being shot, and am otherwise damnified by bad weather. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

3. *List of 5 prisoners brought in by him.* [*Scrap.*]

Dec. 3. **4.** Petition of Lieut.-Gen. David Leslie, prisoner at Durham, to the Protector. Your Highness's great favours during my imprisonment leave me a door of hope in this distress. My family have had to retire to Scotland for want of subsistence, but what little there is left there is like to be extended by my creditors, to our utter undoing. I beg for leave to live in Scotland, on security for my deportment, that I may take course with my creditors, and prevent the begging of my wife and 6 children. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 3. Order thereon in Council that he have 6 months' liberty, on security to Maj.-Gen. Rob. Lilburne then to return to Durham, and meantime to do nothing to the prejudice of the State. [*I.* 78, *p.* 323.]

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2. The Ely House and Savoy Hospital Committee to execute their office a month longer.

3. The clerks of Council to deliver Tuesday's order concerning the Duke of Buckingham to Mr. Rushworth, to convey to Lord Fairfax.

6. Approval of the following augmentations granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers :—

		£	*s.*	*d.*
Llanbeder	co. Merioneth	30	0	0
Bromley	„ Kent	22	10	0
Bishopstowe, beside 10*l.* allowed before	„ Wilts	10	0	0
Barton Humber	„ Lincoln	30	0	0
Market Raisen	„ „	40	0	0
Spilsby	„ „	30	0	0
Grimsby	„ „	20	0	0
Boston	„ „	30	0	0
Hogsthrope	„ „	15	0	0
Camringham	„ „	20	0	0
Whitton	„ „	6	13	4
Charmouth	„ Dorset	24	0	0
Kingsbury, beside 20*l.* allowed before	„ Middlesex	20	0	0
Pagham, beside 16*l.* allowed before	„ Sussex	24	0	0
Rickmansworth, beside 24*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* allowed before	„ Herts	30	0	0
Luppit, beside 30*l.* allowed before	„ Devon	20	0	0
Walton	„ Surrey	20	0	0
Llanyfid	„ Denbigh	22	0	0
Heveringham	„ Essex	21	11	8

Approved by the Protector 16 December.

7. Approval of a like order for uniting Colerne and Ditchridge parishes, co. Wilts, Colerne to be the place of meeting, and the

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presentation to alternate between the patrons. With proviso that the union do not prejudice the present incumbents of the said parishes. Approved by the Protector 16 December.

8. Approval of a like order for severing Heathencot hamlet from Paulerspury parish, co. Northampton, and uniting it with Towcester, but not to prejudice the present incumbent of Paulerspury. Approved by the Protector 16 December.

9. Order on petition of Francis Lord Willoughby, of Parham, that Sir J. Berkstead allow him another fortnight's liberty on the former security.

10. To add to the order of 31 November concerning Lord Willoughby, "in such manner as the same are confirmed by Parliament."

11. Order on report on the petition of Wm. Grant, late minister of Isleworth, praying the liberty of his calling, or relief about a lease, of which he says he and the State are defrauded, under pretence of a sequestration—that the petitioner, being authorized by Dr. John Grant, his father, then incumbent at Bartholomew's, Exchange, London, on 10 Aug. 1638, demised part of the parsonage house to Saml. White, at 20*l.* rent, for 15 years, if Dr. Grant, who died in 1653, lived so long; that the premises were sequestered on misinformation in 1643, but discharged 1644, but that from the time of sequestration only 14*l.* was paid to the State, so that 180*l.* rent is due to the death of Dr. Grant, beside 15*l.* due before the sequestration—that the Treasury Commissioners examine the business, and recover what is due to the State or certify, that petitioner may be put in the way of relief. *Annexing,*

5. *Report alluded to, signed by Pickering and Strickland.* [1 *page.*]

12. Order on a reply from Brock, Searle, and Whetcombe [*see* 9 *Sept.* 1657] for a letter to Col. Popham, &c., on Lawrence Chislett's behalf, and also for 10*l.* for him from Council's contingencies. Approved 16 December. *Annexing,*

1. *Pres. Lawrence to Cols. Popham and Pyne, and the rest of the gentlemen to whom the distribution of Parliament's gift for the Taunton sufferers was committed. On consideration of certificates showing that Lawrence Chislett, of James's parish, Taunton, has been eminently faithful, instrumental in the rendering of the town, and a great sufferer, and should have been well considered in the distribution, and yet has only received 5l., Council desires you to make him a further fitting allowance, and take orders for its payment. Whitehall, 3 December.* [*I.* 78, *p.* 841.]

13. The petition of officers attending the Commissioners for Discovery of fraudulent Debentures read, and referred to Desborow, Jones, Mr. Secretary, Sydenham, Strickland, and Skippon, to consider what allowance is deserved.

14. The report from the Treasury Commissioners of a list of several debts charged on the Exchequer referred to the Committee

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on Public Service Money, to consult with fit persons how to borrow 10,000*l.* on credit of the Act concerning new buildings, and how it may be distributed to satisfy the said payments, and to report.

15. The same Committee to consider the incomes and issues of the Exchequer, and how to proportion them so as to balance. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 318–323.]

Dec. 3. The Langport, Downs. **6.** Capt. Jno. Coppin to the Admiralty Commissioners. I and 8 other of the State's ships named being ordered home, left Adm. Stoakes with 10 other ships in the Bay of Wyers on the 25th ult., the Admiral and his squadron intending to sail the next day to the southward. The Taunton and Falcon were soon to follow us. We had prosperous gales until arriving in the Soundings, when we lost the fleet 40 leagues off Scilly. We met a Holland prize taken from the Portuguese, which was disabled for want of a rudder, as also a Holland man-of-war with 4 prizes, who reported that their fleet had taken 14 sail of Portuguese. With list of Adm. Stoakes's squadron. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 3. The London, Downs. **7.** Sir R. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have given orders about several ships named, as directed by you, but have had very bad weather. His Highness ordered me, on extraordinary occasions, to separate the fleet, and this I have done for 20 days to come. A Canary man has come in, and reports that the Spaniards there are very cruel, and that there are no ships at those islands but English and Hollanders. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 3. The London, Downs. **8.** Sir R. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. All the ships have sailed according to their respective orders. The Lamport has arrived in the Soundings from Lisbon, but lost the company of 8 others named, which came home with her; the Taunton and Falcon flyboat were also nearly ready to come away. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 4. The Assistance, Mardike. **9.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will observe your commands, but the dismissal of the ships off the coast cannot be suddenly effected, as much business intervenes. One ship put on shore near Gravelines, and I am sending two to get her off, if possible. I judge her to have come with provisions, rather than to be a wreck put on shore accidentally, as she sits whole, with many people and wagons about her. I had notice of her by Sir Rich. Stayner's ketch, which has brought my anchor and cable. There has been another ship put on shore near Mardike, which we judged to be a wreck forced there by foul weather, but now I believe that their distress is such that they have contracted with the Hollanders and Zealanders to furnish them with provisions, with security given for their ships, so that they will run many ships ashore, with provisions to relieve their present necessities, and the ships for firing, without which they cannot possibly subsist.

There is fresh intelligence that the enemy have effected all their preparations in order to the storming of Mardike, and intend putting it into execution within two nights; if they do, they will be very honourably received, for there is a very considerable strength in the fort, and many of them men of much gallantry. It is my opinion

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that 20,000 will but fool themselves to make an attempt, judging it a matter of extraordinary difficulty to gain that place, except they be so much masters of the field as to make their approaches by degrees, so as to force the shipping out of the Splinter, and hinder their constant supply of victuals. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 4. **10.** List drawn up by Sec. Nicholas, on an order of Don John [of Austria, Governor of the Low Countries] of 26 April 1657, of the Court and servants of the King of Great Britain, in reference to the expense of his house :—

Marquis of Ormond, Viceroy of Ireland.
Earl of Bristol, Councillor and Secretary of State.
„ Norwich „
„ Rochester „ and Gentleman of the Chamber.
Lord Wentworth „ „ „
„ Culpeper „
„ Gerard, Gentleman of the Chamber.
Sir Edw. Nicholas, Councillor and Secretary of State.
Sir Edw. Hyde „ and Chancellor of the Exchequer.
Messrs. Harding, Elliott, O'Neale, and Blagg, of the Bedchamber.
Darcy, Whitley, Sir — Talbot, and Sir — Fleming, of the Privy Chamber.
Drs. Earles and Creighton, and Mr. Floyd, Chaplains.
Mr. Erskine, Cupbearer.
Sir [Wm.] Walker, Sir [George] Lane, and Mr. Jane, Clerks of the Council of State.
Mr. Heath, Juriconsult.
Armorer and Progers, Esquires.
Belling, Carteret, Barker, and Fox, of the Presence Chamber.
G. Hamilton and Skelton, Pages of Honour.
Dr. Whittaker, Physician.
Mr. Knight, Surgeon.
With 16 inferior household officers, beside footmen, grooms, and postillion not specified.
Also the Bishop of Derry, Sir Jas. Hamilton, Sir [John] Mennes, and 5 others named, to whom no office is assigned.

Servants of the Duke of Gloucester.

Sir — Cotterell, Secretary.
Philips and Griffith, of the Chamber.
Lovell, Chaplain.
And 4 other under officers ; footmen and grooms.

[1½ *pages, French.*]

Dec. 5. **11.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I wish we knew when you would be at Paris. Sir Francis and Lady Norris long to hear of your arrival. I have sent you a bill of 204 crowns for Mr. Norris. Sir R. Hare wants a receipt of his moneys. Mr. Lamplugh says you and Mr. Ellis were chosen fellows [of Queen's College, Oxford,] last week. Lamplugh is going to Newenham to preach Mr. Potter's funeral sermon. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. $\frac{6}{16}$. Paris. John Lamborne to Sec. Nicholas. On arriving here, I waited to enquire after you on Percy Church, from whom a while ago I

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received a letter with the bill of exchange on Dunkirk, which you sent me back again. My good will and my misfortunes increase, and I must solicit the clearing out of prison of my brother Thomas, who has lately been arrested in Brittany. Yet we will try to pay the rest of your money by degrees, and I hope you will shortly have some. Meanwhile I beg you to press Mr. Jane to pay you something towards the 500*l.* he owes us so long since. He being clerk of the Council will be better able to discharge the debt. Please to let me know how to convey a letter to my lord of Bristol. Noted as received, 26th. [1¼ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

Dec. 7. **12.** Note in the Muscovy Company Committee of a hearing this day week, when counsel for both sides is to come fully prepared, the Company having now counsel, but the others not. [¼ *page.*]

Dec. 7. The London, Downs. **13.** Sir Rich Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. The commander of the Marston Moor has sailed with all his convoys. The Dragon and Colchester have been forced in from their station, and had like to have been lost; they report that 2 frigates have lately come out of Ostend. The Half Moon has also arrived from Mardike, with the news that Sir John Reynolds and Lieut.-Col. White came from thence in a pink with them, but it is much feared that the pink and they are lost, as a trunk has been taken up, which had letters from Col. White's wife, and other things which testify plainly that it is his. On the pink's coming from Mardike, all the vessels of war within the Splinter fired guns, which signified that Gen. Reynolds was in her. With names of 14 ships of war in the Downs. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 7. **14.** Lewis Gillart to Robt. Blackborne. I want an order to the commander-in-chief in the Downs for the time being, to send a frigate every 10 or 12 days to Rye, to convoy such laden vessels as shall be then ready to sail for Dieppe, the Isle of Wight, the Downs, or any adjacent ports, and to bring back any that may be there ready to sail to Rye. Do me the favour to make the order as full as you can, and you will oblige many merchants that want to trade that way. I will attend you on Wednesday, to thank you for your assistance. Col. Clarke has promised the order at the first sitting of the Commissioners. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

14. I. *Petition of Thos. Marshall, mayor, Lewis Gillart, and* 36 *others, jurats, commonalty, and inhabitants of Rye, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Our town, having a good tidal harbour, has many ships of its own, and is frequented by others from Hastings, &c., who hope there to meet with convoy, and traffic to London and other places in England, and also to Dieppe, with passengers and goods. But lately our merchants have sustained losses by the enemies taking their vessels, trade has been discouraged, and the place, depending upon it, much impoverished, so that lately neither masters nor mariners dared venture without convoy; and oftimes when after many missives they got one from the Downs, the westerly winds prevented passage to France. Beg a convoy for*

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their trade to France and the Isle of Wight, constantly to attend the port, as it will advance trade, and be a service acceptable to the State. [1 *page*, 38 *signatures.*]

Dec. 7. The Assistance, Mardike. **15.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. The continual boisterous weather has not only been prejudicial to our fleet, but of some disadvantage to the enemy, as two pinks were cast away going into Dunkirk with provisions, supposed to be Zealanders by some colors and papers found on shore, with much wreck and goods, as cheese, bacon, butter, soap, pepper, wax, furs to line coats for Don John's officers, and other goods. One of the vessels sat whole in the morning, but much of the other was broken away with the violence of the sea, and as soon as the sand was dry, the inhabitants of Dunkirk came out, cut down her masts, and broke her up, carrying away both goods and wreck, she lying within half musket shot of the pier's head. I did not send in the Signet, as her officers and men have only just recovered from sickness, and come on board, and there are still 3 frigates in the Downs and at Dover which cannot return until fair weather. I had to send two ships to endeavour the burning of the ship put on shore near Gravelines, so that there being 5 absent from their station, it would be inconvenient, if not dangerous, for any more to be absent.

I think the ships you propose for a guard within the Splinter will be sufficient, the greatest part of my work being done, the deals, spars, and other materials nearly all landed, and the fort in a better capacity to defend itself than formerly. The enemy also is not now capable of acting anything against them but by fire ships, which if prosecuted happily, may prove as little prejudicial to them as to a greater strength. In case the enemy should, upon the French army's drawing into their winter quarters, become so much masters of the field as to raise a battery and plant a gun or two on the sand hills, if our strength were greater, we must in such a case endeavour to quit the Splinter, and they can do no more.

Touching the frigates for Dunkirk Road, I can say nothing, as I am ignorant of what opposition the enemy is able to make against us, but will endeavour to discharge my duty with such strength as you judge convenient for that station. The Drake is as fit to ride within the Splinter through the winter as any 6th rate frigate, being an excellent sailer, and all the frigates kept at anchor in the Flemish Road will signify little as to preventing relief going into Dunkirk and Gravelines, unless one or two be constantly kept under sail in fair weather, for which service she is the fittest. [1¾ *pages.*]

Dec. 8. The Assistance, Mardike. **16.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I am still in great want of a ketch; since the departure of mine, I have been forced to send 2 frigates on necessary business, one to Dover and one to Calais for provisions, and the governor of Calais expects a frigate or two as constant convoys between St. Vallery, Calais, and this place. I want a ketch entirely under my own command; she would then do as much service in a week as now she does in a

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month. Two ketches well ordered would enable me to fulfil the Vice-Admiral's orders about sending packets, and answer all the occasions of the fleet; but this, the John of Dover, the only one here during the month I have been at Mardike, has only made two voyages to Dover, and is not yet returned from the third, whereas when I attended on the squadron before Ostend, I never made less than two to Dover in a week, and sometimes three, and for several months always touched at Dunkirk; but now he has grown to that height that he will not so much as carry a rundlet for any commander, without order from the General, notwithstanding his hold be free, and the men of the Bramble are perishing for want of water, and have been forced to boil their meat in salt water for several days. They sent their boat to Mardike for two hogsheads, but on her return she is supposed to have been cast away, as they have never heard of her or her 8 men. The master of the ketch will be very unwilling to be under my command, because he cannot so easily gull me with blind excuses and pretences of foul weather obstructing his passage, as he can the governor of the fort; for if he should allege that he lay in Dover pier through foul weather, I would tell him he lay there 4 days with a fair wind, before a contrary presented, and only having 4 hours' business to do there. I will not say that he makes use of his hold on his own account by taking freight of suttlers, but if ordered by me, if he would, he should not. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 8. **17.** Petition of Hen. Waltham, Mayor, and the aldermen, bailiffs, and burgesses of Weymouth and Melcomb Regis, co. Dorset, to the Protector. The port adjoining the said towns is of great consequence, lying so near France, and great sums of money have arisen out of the Customs there, Weymouth Road being most convenient for the secure riding of great numbers of ships; but the harbour is much injured by the flowing in of great quantities of sand and earth, for want of piers at the entrance, and of quays or wharves against the neck of land called the North Point, which if prevented, ships of great burthen might come up between the towns, but must now be unladen in the Road, and goods carried forth in boats, to the charge of merchants and discouragement of trade.

By late storms, a great breach has been made in the old pier of the harbour, which, if not speedily repaired, will wholly obstruct the passage of ships, barks, and boats. The timber-bridge over the harbour, which is a common highway between the towns, is exceedingly impaired. The cost of cleaning the harbour, making deeper water there, and building piers and quays, will amount to 3,000*l.*, and much money must be laid out yearly for repair thereof. We suffered great losses in the siege and during the late wars, and have since been much impoverished through losses at sea and decay of trade, and are altogether unable to carry on such a work, which, if effected, would encourage merchants and traders, and yield a considerable yearly revenue by customs and excise. His Highness having extended much favour and assistance to other towns not so commodiously situated, we beg relief. 21 signatures. With reference to Council 8 December 1657. [1 *sheet.*]

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Dec. 8. Reference thereon by Council to Sydenham, Jones, Fiennes, Wolsley, Mulgrave, and Strickland, to report. [*J.* 78, *p.* 324.]

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1. A report from the Admiralty Commissioners of 5 December,—setting forth that since their report of November 30, about money to pay 30 ships called in, 9 have arrived from the coast of Spain, the paying off of which will cost 20,000*l.*—referred to the Committee for Money, to proceed as before ordered, and to report. *Annexing,*

18. *Admiralty Commissioners to the President of Council. We beg that you will cause the enclosed report (missing) to be read at the first meeting of Council, it being for money to pay off several ships newly arrived in the Downs from the coast of Spain.* [⅔ *page.*]

3. Approval by the Protector of an order of 19 November.

5. Order on report of several bills of exchange drawn by Ministers abroad upon Martin Noel, *viz.*, by

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Sir Wm. Lockhart, Ambassador in France -	1,200	0	0
Phil. Meadows, Envoy to Denmark - -	764	10	0
Maj.-Gen. Jephson, „ Sweden - -	1,007	0	0

all payable in particular ways specified, and amounting to 2,971*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*—that the said bills be accepted, and his Highness advised to order the Treasury Commissioners to pay that sum to Frost to discharge the bills. With warrant accordingly. [*J.* 106, *p.* 56.]

6. **19.** Order approving the report of the Committee on the late and present mayors of Newport, Isle of Wight [*see* 10 *November* 1657], that Moses Read, late mayor, and Thos. Juning, present mayor, be sent for by warrant from Council, but adding, that if they execute the Act for raising a maintenance for their minister, eject Wm. Hayles as parish clerk, and appoint John Ledger, and in the government of the town, countenance godly men, they may be discharged further attendance, and that for the present, they be discharged attendance. *Annexing,*

19. I. *Report alluded to, ordering the attendance of the said mayors for refusing to admit Ledger as clerk, refusing to have the Act for observance of the Sabbath read in church, and reviling the Parliamentary Commissioners appointed to raise maintenance for the minister in Newport.* 12 *November* 1657. [1 *page.*]

19. II. *Certificate by John Mantell to Hen. Scobell, that he has given notice to both the parties to appear before Council next Tuesday. Carisbrook Castle,* 18 *November* 1657. [⅔ *page.*]

7. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Deborah, relict of Stephen Love, preacher at Haverfordwest, a pension of 30*l.*, payable half-yearly, from 29 September 1656, till she receive the fruit of the donative in Ledbury, intended her by a grant thereof to Thos. Carter.

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8. The Admiralty Commissioners to give warrant to the Ordnance officers in the Tower to deliver to Col. Sir Thos. Pride 150 muskets with bandoleers. Approved 16 December.

9. **20.** Order on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners, certifying the price for the cloth and barges by them provided for his Highness's watermen, *viz.*, 46*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*, for payment of the same. Approved 16 December. *Annexing,*

20. I. *Report alluded to.* 5 *October* 1657. [¾ *page.*]

20. II. *Bill of the said coats,* 46*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* 13 *August* 1658. [⅔ *page.*]

20. III. *Order by the Admiralty Commissioners for payment.* 25 *August* 1658. [½ *page.*]

10. The petition of John Deane and his son James referred to Fiennes, Wolsley, and Jones, to report.

11. The petition and papers of Thos. Smyth, Neh. Bourne, Pet. Salmon, Ed. Keeling, Phip. White, and others, referred to the same, to report.

12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to grant the following augmentations :—

Bointon, beside 30*l.* allowed before	York	£20
Stanton Harcourt	Oxon	40
Mr. Franke, Thetford	Norfolk	50
Houghton, beside 40*l.* allowed before	Notts	100
John Mills, Ilston, beside 40*l.* allowed before	Glamorgan	20

Approved 15 and 16 December.

13. Also to recommend to them for Jon. Holdred to preach the Sunday afternoon lecture at Brentford, co. Middlesex, and receive the 100*l.* usual salary. Approved 16 December.

16. Approval of their grant to Sam. Burford, of Hemingford Grey, co. Hunts, of an augmentation of 50*l.*

19. The report of the Treasury Commissioners concerning pay of regarders and other officers in Dean Forest—referred to Sydenham, Fiennes, Jones, Strickland, Desborow, Mr. Secretary, and Wolsley, who are also to consider how to stop the waste of wood and other abuses in Epping and other forests. Approved 16 December.

20. To advise his Highness to make Lord Rich. Cromwell a member of the Privy Council, the Lord President to move him therein.

21. The Admiralty Commissioners to order fit ships to go to Saint Helena, to convoy the East India ships. Approved 16 December.

22. To advise confirmation of the contract made by the Committee of Parliament for improvement of Customs and Excise with Martin Noel and Hen. Quinton, of London, for a lease of duties on native imported strong waters, spirits, soap, glass, hops, saffron, iron wrought or cast, salt, all imported earthenware and stone, native lead, tin, oil, starch, gold silver or copper wire in England and Wales, and salt, native or imported, in Scotland, for 5 years at 65,000*l.* a year.

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23. Also a like contract with Thos. Basnet, Alderman, and Thos. Hobson, both of Coventry, for a lease on beer, &c., in Tamworth Parish, county Stafford, and city and county of Warwick and Coventry, for 3 years, at 3,600*l.* a year.

24. Order, on petition of Robt. Francke, John Kinsley, and Geo. Sergeant, Commissioners for survey of Needwood Forest, to advise a warrant for keeping a Woodmote Court for the said forest.

25. Whereas Thos. Parke left 140*l.* a year for maintenance of a weekly lecture at Wisbeach, Isle of Ely (which the then Bishop of Ely would only consent to have preached on holy days), and whereas on 3 Feb. 1656–7, his Highness and Council ordered the money to be paid to Mr. Coldwell, present vicar, and the succeeding vicars, for preaching the said lecture every fourth Wednesday, but though he has preached it, he cannot receive the profits;—order that Lawrence Oxborough, Hen. Farrar, and Ant. Balaam, send for the persons concerned, and settle the business with them, that the payment may be made as ordered.

26. To return to Lawrence Chislett of Taunton the papers he delivered to Council.

27. On report from the Committee on Mich. Molin's petition,—that he lost 450*l.* by timber taken from him to fortify Wallingford Castle, but when all the fortifications were ordered to be demolished, and sold for the benefit of those despoiled by the Royalists in erecting them, though his petition was referred to Maj. Evelyn, Edw. Jenings, and John Rusden, the Committee on this matter, he received nothing, although the amount realised by sale of material was 1,500*l.*, and the expense of demolition but 500*l.*;—order that the said Committee pay him 450*l.*, or report what they have done for him.

28. Council to meet at 4 p.m. to-morrow. [*I.* 78, *p.* 324–331.]

Dec. 10. **21.** Petition of Margaret, Countess of Crawford and Lindsay, to the Protector and Council. By the Act of Pardon and Grace [for Scotland], 400*l.* a year was allotted me and my children out of the estate of the Earl of Crawford and Lindsay, my husband, and yet for 1655 the Leith trustees have paid me only 100*l.*, though they had my lord's rents. I beg that the Council of Scotland may order the payment of the 300*l.* [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

Dec. 10. Reference thereon to the Council in Scotland, to order payment of what is due, according to their instructions in such cases, that the trustees cause the same to be paid, and that a letter be sent to that purpose. Approved 16 December. [*I.* 78, *p.* 338.]

Dec. 10. **22.** Petition of Sir Hen. Croke, Clerk of the Pipe, George Evelyn, foreign Apposer, Peere Williams, Clerk of the Extracts, and other ministers of the Exchequer, to the Protector and Council. We have addressed the Treasury Commissioners for orders for payment of our fees and salaries, due time out of mind, but they say their commission does not enable them thereto. We therefore beg you to authorise our payment, with arrears since we were last paid by the

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late Public Revenue Committee. With reference thereon to Council, 28 November 1656. [1 *page. Also I.* 93, *No.* 68.] *Annexing,*

22. I. *Report by the Treasury Commissioners that, though they think the said fees should be paid, they cannot pay them without a Privy Seal.* 10 *April* 1656. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 10. Reference thereon to the Committee of Council to whom the business of money is referred, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 338.]

[Dec. 10.] **23, 24.** Petition of Sam. Lawson, master, and 5 other officers of the Gift, to the Protector. We have served 2½ years at Jamaica, and hearing that the growth of that island was to pay no excise for a time, we brought home 775 lbs. of tobacco grown there, but the Customs' officers have taken it, on pretence that it is the growth of Spain, and demand customs and excise, which will come to 18*d.* a pound more than the worth of the tobacco. We beg reference thereon to the Commissioners for regulating Customs and Excise. With reference as desired, 14 October 1657, and their report that they cannot relieve the petitioners, because there is no proof that it is from Jamaica, though, as it is not worth 4*d.* the lb., they do not think it Spanish. Also another reference by the Committee for preservation of Customs to the Commissioners for Customs, 15 October 1657. [2 *papers.*]

[Dec. 10.] **25.** Petition renewed for an order to the Commissioners for Excise and Customs to deliver them their tobacco free from duty. With reference to Council, 21 November 1657. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 10. Order thereon in Council for delivery of the tobacco as requested, Council being satisfied that it is of the growth of Jamaica. [*I.* 78, *p.* 341.]

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1, 2. Lord Rich. Cromwell approved by his Highness as a member of Privy Council, and to receive notice to attend accordingly.

3. To appoint the following Commissioners (names given) for Public Faith in the several counties :—

7	for co. Northumberland	7	for co. Rutland
7	„ Cumberland	8	„ Middlesex
7	„ Worcester	7	„ Hunts
7	„ Northampton	8	„ Bucks
7	„ Beds		

4. To add to the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers, &c., in the several counties, persons (names given) with ministers to assist them, viz. :—

18	for co. York, East Riding	- - -	Ministers	9
5	„ „ North Riding	- - -	„	- 2
9	„ „ West Riding	- - -	„	- 4
12	„ Norfolk and Norwich	- -	„	- 4
14	„ Essex - - - - -		„	- 19
12	„ Suffolk - - - - -		„	- 11
9	„ Cambridge, Hunts, and Isle of Ely		„	- 10
10	„ Somerset - - - - -		„	- 12

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5. Order on the petition of Thos. Salmon, of Wells, co. Somerset, —that being Receiver of Assessments for the county, and employing usually Rich. Burt, a factor in London, to receive many thousand pounds thereof, by way of return from clothiers, Burt having 1,200*l.* thereof in hand, which he promised long since to pay into the Treasury, has run, having shipped in his own and others' names 8,000*l.* worth of goods in the John of Amsterdam, which is now stopped at Gravesend by the petitioner and others, by warrant from the Court of Admiralty,—that the Customs' Commissioners cause the said ship to be brought up to the Custom House, examine the whole state of the case, and report, and meantime take care that no part of the goods be disposed of.

6. The Lord Mayor and Assessment Commissioners for London to give account to-morrow of what is unpaid in the City.

7. Council fell this day on the business of Jamaica.

8. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Fras. Hodges, treasurer of money to pay Jamaica forces, 4,000*l.* out of money on the Act to prevent multiplicity of Buildings.

9. Hodges to issue out the money as directed by the Committee on Jamaica Affairs.

10. To summon the members of Council to meet this afternoon on Jamaica business.

11, 26. On petition of Col. Dan. Abbott, on behalf of Nath. Abbott, minister of Pilton, co. Somerset,—showing that as the profits of the vicarage were but 18*l.* a year and the parish large, half the profits of Westbury rectory, valued at 40*l.* a year, were allowed in augmentation, but are really only worth 26*l.* 10*s.*—order to recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle on him a further maintenance of 60*l.* a year. Approved 15 Dec. With explanatory order that 40*l.* is to be added to his augmentation of 20*l.*, making a total of 60*l.*

12. Order on report on the petition of Hen. Hoogan and Mich. Salter [*see* 23 *Dec.* 1656], for a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to allow them 6*d.* in the pound beyond the 12*d.* settled as salary, to extend to the time they have held office, and to continue for one year more, and no longer. *Annexing,*

26. 1. *Report alluded to, signed by Skippon and Sydenham.* [¾ *page.*]

13. Order on certificate from Embree on reference on Hen. Hene's petition concerning a house and garden purchased by him at Greenwich from the Trustees for sale of Crown lands, that the former Committee of Council consult the surveyors whether it would damage his Highness's house at Greenwich, and the Trustees report what is done with the purchase money.

14. Whereas And. Green and 6 others were summoned on 27 Nov. to attend Council to answer for spoils in Chapel Hainault Walk, and 4 only have attended ;—order on report that the said 4 are guilty of carrying away wood, that they be dismissed with a sharp reproof for this their first miscarriage, and a caution not to repeat it at their peril, and that the other 3 be summoned to appear next Wednesday.

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15. To advise confirmation of a contract made by the Committee of Parliament with Wm. Gardiner of Hertford, John Sape and Wm. Rouse of St. Alban's, and Hum. Taylor of Harpenden, for a lease of duties on beer, &c., in co. Hertford, for 3 years at 5,200*l.* a year.

17. The petition of Mary Turner, *alias* Emerson, widow of Capt. Wm. Turner, referred to any 3 of Council, to report.

18. That of Wm. and Thos. Smithsby, and Robt. Austin, and that of Lady Margaret, relict of John Lord Belhaven, and her children, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

20. Approval of the augmentation advised by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 20*l.* to the minister of Helaugh, co. York. Approved by the Protector 16 December.

21. The papers concerning Francis Ellington and others referred to Lord Deputy, Lisle, Mulgrave, Sydenham, Strickland, Jones, and Wolsley, to report.

25. To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation which shall make his income amount to 50*l.* a year on the minister of Wintringham, co. York.

28. Order on a particular of defects of repairs at Westminster Hall, to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Embree 200*l.* for repairs which his Highness shall appoint, to Westminster Hall and adjacent buildings. Approved 16 December.

29. Order on petition of Rich. Ashton, Geo. Raymond, Ben. Harnold and Thos. Outing,—now in custody of the Serjeant-at-arms by warrant, for arresting John Frederic Shlesier, public minister of the Elector of Brandenburg, not knowing his public character, and of their repentance and submission to the mercy of the State—that they acknowledge their offence to the said Minister, and then receive their liberty.

30. Divers works for defence of Great Yarmouth being in much decay, and their repair important to public safety—order to advise a warrant to pay to Col. John Biscoe, or his lieutenant, Col. Wm. Styles, 200*l.* on account for repairs; the Privy Seal to pass gratis.

31. To recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to add 20*l.* to the augmentation ordered to the minister of Methwold, co. Norfolk. Approved 16 December. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 331–342.]

Dec. 10. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Lord Rich. Cromwell. His Highness having by advice of his Council nominated you to be a member of his Privy Council, that they may have the advantage of your assistance in the affairs before them, they signify this to you, with their desire that you will repair thither speedily to discharge your trust. [*I.* 78, *p.* 842.]

Dec. $\frac{10}{20}$. Whitehall. [Sec. Thurloe to Ambassador Lockhart.] His Highness has agreed on a list of names for the other house, of which I send you a copy. I much fear that Sir John Reynolds and Lieut.-Col. White are cast away, coming from Mardike in a pink; if so, the loss is much to be lamented, they being two very worthy persons, and of great use. [1$\frac{1}{3}$ *pages, copy, French correspondence.*]

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II. *List of the* 60 *members elected by the Protector to constitute the Upper House of Parliament, comprising his* 2 *sons and* 2 *sons-in-law,* 11 *peers,* 6 *baronets,* 10 *knights,* 5 *law officers,* 5 *generals and army field officers, and* 4 *officers of Government.* [1 *sheet. Printed in Parliamentary History, Vol. XXII., pp.* 167, 168, *with* 3 *names added.*]

Dec. 10. The London, Downs. **27.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have ordered up the 3 second rate ships, with the Lamport and Plymouth, for Chatham, and the Diamond for Woolwich, and taken out all the provisions they could spare. I shipped off 5 companies of soldiers of 310 men yesterday for Mardike, by order of his Highness, Col. Gibbons being there to see them off. There were also several vessels with provisions, and 2 shallops went with them, which are to return as soon as the soldiers are delivered at the fort. I hear from Mardike that Sir John Reynolds and Lieut.-Col. White were lost in the pink, but nothing from Capts. Whitehorne or Blake. Capt. Motham has seized two very suspicious persons from Holland, one of whom has lived at Dunkirk and Antwerp, and he has them on board the London. Shall I hold a court of war on Capt. Horne, as to the loss of the Parrot, or send him to London? Particulars of ships. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 11. **28.** Petition of Mary, wife of Thos. Fitzjames, to the Protector. You referred my former petition [*see* 23 *March* 1656–7] to Col. Fitzjames, Col. Coker, Major Dewy, and Edw. Hooper, to examine the value of the estate, and they have certified accordingly; therefore I beg relief. With reference thereon 25 March 1657 to Council. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 11. Reference thereon by Council to the Treasury Commissioners. [*I.* 78, *p.* 344.] *Annexing,*

28. I. *Report of the above Commissioners on the above reference, certifying the settlement of the estate on Mary Langford,* 23 *June* 1652, *on her marriage with Thos. Fitzjames, and her deservingness, and recounting proceedings in the case,* 16 *June* 1658. [1⅔ *pages.*]

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1. To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 20*l.* above the 20*l.* granted before to the minister of Carnaby, co. York. Approved 16 December.

2. Order—on report from the Committee of Parliament on revenue improvements, of services received from several whom they think should receive the following rewards, viz.:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Peter Brereton - - - - - -	80	0	0
Thos. Tucker - - - - - -	50	0	0
Geo. Johnson - - - - - -	30	0	0
Steph. Swillyn - - - - - -	25	0	0
Thos. Parker - - - - - -	10	0	0
Pat. Chambers - - - - - -	5	0	0

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—to advise warrants to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the said sums accordingly.

3. Order, on a letter of Nov. 30 from the mayor of Dover to Maj.-Gen. Kelsey, and 2 letters to Council, one from the mayor and jurates, and the other from the mayor of Dover, concerning sick soldiers sent thither by Sir J. Reynolds, that 12*d.* instead of 6*d.* a day be allowed them, whilst they are quartered in or about Dover, and till they recover. Approved 16 December.

4. Desborow, Sydenham, Jones, Lisle, Mulgrave, Strickland, Fleetwood, and Skippon, to consider how the money can be raised, and also other matters mentioned in the letters.

5. To write to the mayor of Dover thanking him for his pains, and telling him what has been done.

7. Order on Mr. Jessop's presenting the total of bills due to the Serjeant-at-arms, his deputies and messengers, masters of barges, ushers of the Council Chamber, stationer, and their demands, amounting to 1,613*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*, details given, that Frost have warrant to pay them accordingly.

8. Whereas on 29 Sept. 1657, 5,000*l.* was advised to be paid to Frost, from which to pay 3,989*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.* for the salary of clerks and others officers of Council, Dr. Walker, Mr. Dorislaus, other officers at Whitehall, and his Highness's watermen;—order to advise a warrant to pay him 603*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.*, which with the 5,000*l.* will discharge the said salaries, and also the 1,613*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* last ordered.

9. Edw. Dendy's proposal concerning prisoners committed to his charge as Serjeant-at-arms, referred to Mulgrave, Lisle, Sydenham, Strickland, Jones, and Desborow, to report.

10. The petition of Frances, widow of Hugh Middleton, concerning arrears due to her husband for pay as deputy to the Serjeant-at-arms to late Council of State, referred to Frost, to report.

11. The Lord Mayor and some aldermen of London, Assessment Commissioners, attended Council according to order, gave account of proceedings concerning arrears, and promised their utmost assistance in getting them in. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 342–6.]

Dec. 11. **29.** Order in the Jamaica Committee that the Admiralty Commissioners speedily certify what provisions have been sent to Jamaica since Midsummer, at what time, and by what ships; also what ships have been sent thither since then, what are now going, and what number are now there. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Dec. 11. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Nath. Smith, Mayor of Dover. Council has read your letters of 19 and 30 Nov. concerning sick soldiers of Reynolds' expedition sent to Dover, and thank you for your care. They desire you to send such as recover back to Mardike, and have allowed 12*d.* a day to each soldier, beginning from the date of his being quartered on you, and have appointed a Committee to consider whence the money can best be spared. [*I.* 78, *p.* 843.]

Dec. $\frac{11}{21}$. Paris. **30.** Sir Thos. Bond to Sec. Nicholas, Bruges. Thanks for your kindness. Let the honour the King has done me be kept as private

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as may be, though I fear it is too much known already, as some of his Court have written it hither. I have not heard from Sir John Berkley of its being done, so I will let it rest till the Duke of York causes it to be sent. Endorsed as received 2 January. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 11. The Half Moon. **31.** Capt. Jas. Strutt to the Admiralty Commissioners. Riding before Mardike on the 4th inst., Gen. Reynolds called me on shore, and said he was going over with me, as also Col. White, and that he would come out to me in a billander next day. I went out the next day, and it blowing pretty fresh, I wrote the General, and sent the letter by my boat and eight lusty hands, advising him to come out to me in a billander, of which there was choice, conceiving it to be the safest way, and I looked next day for his coming.

About 3 p.m., our men-of-war fired within the Splinter, and upon that out came a pink belonging to Rochester, and upon seeing it, we brought our cable to the capstan to weigh, the wind being so high that the vessel could not fetch us, and when the vessel came without the Splinter, they made a weft with their ancient, which I understood was to weigh, which we did. I put out my colours, and loosened sails to give them notice that I was weighing, and discerned that my boat was at the pink's stern. I made towards them as fast as I could, and they tarried until we got pretty near, and then made sail over the shoulders to go for the North Foreland. With that I fired a gun for them to tarry, so that I might speak with them, but they kept on their way, I following so far that the pilot durst not go further, and although it was dark, yet I saw him. Then I fired another gun, and put two lights in my lantern and lay by the lee to hoist in our boat, and showed a third light, thinking that if he were a seaman, he would show one in answer, but he did not; so we kept out the lights and steered for the South Foreland, and anchored within the Goodwin 9.30 p.m.

The same night that pink was lost about the Goodwin Sands, and all that was in her, for the stem of my boat was taken up, and a rapier hacheled with gold all entangled with the rigging of the same pink. I acquaint you with this, because none can certify so much touching it as myself, and am heartily sorry that I must be the messenger of bad tidings. I had two horses and a mule of the General's, which I have put on shore at Deal for his lady, and am now going to Mardike again with some soldiers.

P.S.—I have since delivered the soldiers at Mardike, and was informed by Capt. Bowrey that the General came out in the pink. [1¾ *pages.*]

Dec. 11. The London, Downs. **32.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. All the ships ordered in sailed yesterday and to-day. The Adventure and Half Moon are returned from Mardike, where they delivered the soldiers; last night they heard 50 or 60 pieces of ordnance fired there, which they judged to be some attempt against the fort. They also bring news that Sir Jno. Reynolds and Col. White came away in the pink on Saturday night, and if so, it is certain they are lost. There are several ships in the Downs bound for the Isle of Wight, Apsom, and Plymouth, and others richly laden for Bordeaux; I will

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appoint the Adventure to secure them as far as Plymouth. Particulars of ships. I hear by a Hollander from the Groyne that 4 ships bound to Port-a-Port and Lisbon richly laden, and one going for Guinea, have been taken off the North Cape, and that some of their men have come home. [1½ *pages.*]

Dec. 11. The London, Downs. **33.** Sir Rich. Stayner to Col. Thos. Kelsey, Dover. To similar effect. I hear from Col. Gibbons that if the soldiers had not gone or landed, I should privately stop them till further orders, but they are all on shore. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 11. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **34.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. The 2 shallops with the wherry and 4 fowling pieces have arrived, as also the long expected ship with the guns and booms, in company with the Dartmouth. The Bramble's boat, supposed to have been cast away, was taken by 2 sloops between Mardike and Dunkirk Road, who turned her adrift, and carried her men away ; but being afterwards taken by the French, they were set at liberty, and 4 have returned, the rest being at Calais, but the boat is lost. The vessel supposed to have been run on shore near Gravelines is, for their relief from Holland or Zealand, a ship of London, and was taken 20 leagues from Lisbon, coming from Port-a-Port with figs. The enemy intended her for Ostend, but through the ignorance of the pilot, they were put on shore. A great long-boat has been sunk in the Splinter. I have written Capt. Stayner for another, as without one it will be very hard to supply the fort with coals and provisions as fast as they spend them. The loss of the General is much lamented both by the soldiery and squadron. I did what I could to persuade him to stay for the Charinton, but could not prevail. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 12. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **35.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I gave an account of 2 shallops, having only 25 men in both, and although well fitted both for rowing and sailing, unprovided with arms or ammunition. In order to their supply, I took a strict survey of the whole squadron, and found such a general want that we are not able to supply each other with so many fixed arms as may be judged sufficient for the defence of the respective ships, much less the shallops. The Nightingale's captain daily expected a recruit, as promised by the Vice-Admiral, and has also since written thereon to Mr. Blackborne, who, he is confident, will not fail him. However, it will not be long before he must be sent in to clean and revictual, when he may repair his defects and recruit his men, many being absent through sickness and death ; the victualling out of other ships begets so much confusion that I hope I may not be confined to any such inconvenience for the future, except in case of absolute necessity. All the supplies received within the last 3 months for the squadron have been short.

I want a supply of 60 fixed arms, 40 firelocks, 20 matchlocks, and 4 blunderbuses, not ammunition. The John ketch has come from Dover, and is returning, but I have not required anything of him, lest it should give offence to those by whose order he now acts ; I

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only reproved him for his neglect, when he promised to double his diligence in that employment.

You must not expect so frequent an account as when I rode in the Splinter, as I am now not in the way of ships going to and fro, and would not have had an opportunity of sending this if the Bramble had not been going in to revictual. [1½ *pages.*]

Dec. $\frac{12}{22}$. Saumur. **36.** Marie Bouchereau to Williamson. Thanks for your letter from Toulon. Private affairs. M. Capel is very ill. [1 *page, French.*]

Dec. 13. Wadham College. **37.** Dr. John Wilkins to Mr. Rosin, secretary to Lord Rich. Cromwell, Whitehall. I send you copies of 3 letters written by former chancellors to the University, that you may see the manner and style used. The advice given is commonly suggested by some of the governors of the University, who, by their residence, can best tell him what is fitting. Occasional letters are only written *pro re natâ*, and for them you need no copy. But when my lord writes to any particular college or head of a house, he is not to subscribe "your chancellor," but "your affectionate friend," or the like. When will he be in London? Some of us have affairs which much need his presence there. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 13. The London, Downs. **38.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. List of ships in the Downs, and particulars of the arrival and departure of others, as also of their victualling from one to the other. The Bramble's boat that was thought to be lost was taken by a Dunkirk shallop, and since retaken by a Calais ship, so that the men have returned to Mardike. The guns fired at Mardike were only salutes on the arrival of one of the marshals of France, with the Cardinal's kinsman, and several others who intend to take up their quarters there this winter. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 14. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **39.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Navy Commissioners. The 4 fowling pieces, a wherry, and the materials thereto belonging, as also a cable and anchor by the Dartmouth, will be of no small concernment; I should have applied for them at my first coming on this coast, but Sir Rich. Stayner promised, before I sailed from the Downs, that if I were not supplied by the Vice-Admiral, he would furnish me on his arrival before Mardike. I hear from the Admiralty Commissioners that they have given order for another ketch to attend this squadron, the John being designed for the service of the fort only. I beg she may be sent with all speed, being forced to send frigates off the coast with packets, for want of a ketch. There have been great rejoicings and triumph all along the coast the last two nights, but what it signifies I cannot yet learn; the reports are various, some saying it is for the birth of a prince, and others for a great victory in Portugal, but the certainty is yet unknown. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 14. **40.** Case of Walter Montague. Henry, Earl of Manchester, dying in 1642, bequeathed to his son Walter 500 marks a year, rent-charge on Keiston Manor, co. Hunts. Walter being then out of England, and afterwards prisoner in the Tower, demanded this rent of the

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young Earl his brother, who said the will was void in this article, as given on lands that would not bear that title, but during his 6 years' imprisonment the Earl furnished him with nearly the sum for subsistence. On his release, finding his right to be void in law, he accepted a small present from the Earl for his journey to France, and has not expected anything since. Now he hears that the Earl is questioned for the $\frac{2}{3}$ of the said rent-charge, and arrears, on the score of his brother's recusancy, which cannot be legally demanded, as the will is invalid. The Cardinal's request to the Protector is that the Earl may not be pursued on this demand, for all loss ought to come on Walter, who was relieved by his brother's kindness only, not by right, and the Cardinal much desires to oblige Montague. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *sheet.*]

Dec. 14. Queen's College. **41.** T. L[amplugh] to Williamson. The last Thursday in November you were elected fellow," *non obstantibus Tito et Sempronio.*" Some intended to put a slur on you. Addison, with his one eye, put up for it, but we gave him a canvas-suit, which will serve him to wear as long as he is in college. You and Clem. Ellis were elected, he to be admitted on St. Thomas' Day, and you at your return, which I hope will be soon. The provost will write you to that purpose. We want you, and you must not deny us your company. The provost was dangerously ill last autumn, but is now quite well. He has lost his son George, but has got another, John. Dr. Owen is at last no vice-chancellor; he cannot well digest a private life, and seems angry. He has given over preaching at St. Mary's on Sunday afternoon, and has set up an opposition lecture at the same hour in our parish church. My compliments to your fellow travellers, Norris and Ball. [1 *page.*]

Dec. $\frac{14}{24}$. Whitehall. Sec. Thurloe to [Amb. Lockhart.] I do not know the ground of the report about the malcontents in England. For the army, I believe they never were in better temper, and more unanimous in affection to his Highness; if they were otherwise, the stirrings of the Cavaliers, who begin to carry it as under some new hopes, would cure all their other troubles, for whatever they differ upon, they will agree against Charles Stuart and his party; that is certain. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

Dec. 15. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders, December 8 and 10. [*I.* 78, *p.* 346.]

Dec. 16. Like approval of 74 orders, 9 November—11 December. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 346–8.]

Dec. 16. Armitage. **42.** Rich. Bayley, Hen. Lycett, and 3 other inhabitants of Armitage parish, to Robt. Beake, M.P. We desire to become purchasers of the little barn or house by the side of the churchyard, for the use of the minister, having already been at some expense in repairing it, and it being more fit for the purpose than for any other. We want to know your terms for it. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 16. The London, Downs. **43.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. Stations and movements of ships. The best way to dispose of the surplus flour will be to employ the purser to get fruit or suet, and disburse

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it to the ships. All things go well at Mardike, and there are 5,000 men in the fort. I was hard put to it to send them coals, but they are now furnished for the present, having got two vessels laden at Dover; 10 or 12 English sail have arrived from Bordeaux, and report a great loss of ships there by bad weather. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 17. **44.** Petition of the Committee for accounts of the soldiery at Worcester House to the Protector and Council. We were constituted, by Act of 28 May 1649, to take the accounts of the officers and soldiers of the present army, before they were taken into the new model, and we served to 23 November 1653, receiving pay. We, with 2 registrars and 2 clerks, have since continued the service, and given debentures to officers and soldiers, but received no allowance. We beg recompense since 1653, and in future a poundage of 6d. to be allowed by those whose accounts we state and certify. [1 *page. Also I.* 93, *No.* 65, 67.]

Dec. 17. Reference thereon by Council to Fleetwood, Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Mr. Comptroller, Sydenham, Skippon, and Mulgrave, to consider how the salaries may best be paid, and report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 351.]

Dec. 17. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. **45.** The Ordnance officers at the Tower to deliver to the colonels of regiments from which soldiers were drawn for Reynolds' expedition to France, 75 firelock and 75 matchlock muskets with bandoleers, and 70 pikes, to supply the lack of the arms taken abroad. Approved 17 December.

2. There being apprehension of real danger from the designs of the Cavaliers to disturb the peace of the nation, order that the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen provide courts of guard in and about Paul's, for 600 horse and foot for the better security of the City. Majors General Whalley and Goffe to communicate this order to them. Approved 17 December.

3. **46.** Order to carry out that of 20 Nov. 1656 not yet obeyed, for sending 30 barrels of gunpowder to the garrisons of South Wales, to be distributed by Maj.-Gen. Dawkins; also order for 22 barrels to North Wales, viz., 10 to Beaumaris, 4 to Redcastle, and 8 to Holyhead, which is to supply Conway, to be distributed by Col. John Jones; match in proportion to be sent therewith. The Admiralty Commissioners to issue warrants to the Ordnance officers accordingly. Approved 17 December.

4. **47.** The Ordnance officers at the Tower to send at the State's charge to Kingston-upon-Hull for the garrison, 150 firearms and 100 pikes. Approved 17 December.

5. The Governor of the said garrison to have the unfixed arms there fixed and repaired, and the charge to be defrayed out of the 1,000*l.* assigned for repair of the garrison, which Ald. John Rogers, who was to receive the said money, is to allow.

6. To allow 2*s.* 6*d.* a day for a surgeon at Hull garrison, and the same to be added to the establishment. Approved 17 December.

7. Lisle, Fleetwood, Mulgrave, Sydenham, Strickland, Mr. Comptroller, Skippon, and Wolsley, to consider the condition of officers'

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widows whose husbands lost their lives at sea returning from Mardike, and attend to receive his Highness's pleasure herein.

8. The same Committee to consider the petition of Mary, widow of Dr. John French, who died in his Highness's service in Flanders, and report.

9. Mr. Secretary, Wolsley, Strickland, Desborow, and Mr. Comptroller, to consider a report from the Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker on Pat. Hayes' case, and report.

10. The petition of the well affected of the borough of Gateshead, and the heads of a charter desired, referred to his Highness's Counsel learned, to report.

12. A letter from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning money for supply of naval affairs referred to the Committee on public service Money, who are to meet this afternoon, confer with the Admiralty Commissioners, and report how the money may be raised.

14. Whereas 167,734*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* excise money was ordered to be reserved for the pay of the forces, order to advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay this sum to John Blackwell and Rich. Deane, Treasurers-at-war, out of the whole moiety of sums paid in on the excise, by advance, or in monthly or quarterly payments, till the whole sum is paid.

15. Mr. Secretary reports that for lodgings for the life guard, leases of 2 houses in Scotland Yard have been taken, viz., Mr. Samuel's, 230*l.* for a lease for 2 lives, rent free for 2 years, and then 60*l.* rent; Mr. Blackborne's, 250*l.* for a lease for 14 years, rent 20*l.* The agreement approved, the sums to be paid, and Maj.-Gen. Whalley, Col. John Clarke, and Nath. Waterhouse to perfect the contract, put the agreement into form, and expedite it, and report, that order may be taken for payment. *Annexing,*

48. *Note of the said agreement.* [½ *page.*]

16. The petition of Fras., Lord Willoughby, for a further term of liberty from his imprisonment, read.

17. Order on petition of Roger Coward and other distressed inhabitants of Puddle-Trenchard parish, co. Dorset, that on May 2, 1654, a fire happened which burned 22 houses, with outhouses, &c., to the ruin of 99 families and the loss of 1,955*l.* 6*s.*, to advise his Highness to issue letters patent authorising a collection for their relief, in cos. Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Wilts, and Hants.

18. On petition of Andrew Headly, of North Hinksey, co. Berks, that on 12 Nov. 1656, a fire happened in his house and mill, burning both down, also his clothes, 30 quarters of malt, 60 of wheat, and all his bonds and other papers, to the loss of 900*l.*; that his wife and 5 children are rendered houseless and destitute, one of his children was burnt to death in the cradle, and another severely burnt; which things are certified true by several inhabitants and justices of the peace, and also by Dr. John Owen, Dean of Christchurch, Oxford;—order to advise a similar collection in cos. Berks, Bucks, and Oxford.

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19. On report by the Committee of Petitions on the petition of Wm. Cox and Sam. Foxley, and on the report from the Treasury Commissioners that the petitioners bought a rent charge of 500*l.* a year, payable to Lord Powis from Sir Percy Herbert's estate, and that 422*l.* 10*s.* has since been paid in thereon, which the Commissioners for Compounding order the County Commissioners of North Wales to repay the petitioners by way of defalcation, but this has not been done:—order that it be allowed them as defalcation on their second ½ of the purchase money, and on their delivering Public Faith bills to that amount to the Trustees for sale of forfeit and delinquents Lands, they shall have doubled bills for 845*l.*, which shall be allowed on their second ½ of the purchase money of the said 500*l.* a year. Approved 29 January.

20. **49.** On report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Wm. Billers, clerk of deliveries in the Ordnance Office, concerning his charge for travelling to Dover with his clerks to deliver guns, &c., to ships there, that 258*l.* should be allowed;—order that it be allowed, and a bill signed accordingly. Approved 6 March.

21. To allow Edw. Fox to go about his affairs, notwithstanding a former order, and Mr. Noel to undertake for his re-appearance when wanted.

22. Approval by the Protector of 5 orders passed this day. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 348–355.]

Dec. 17. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **50.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. Particulars of the stations of the fleet before Dunkirk and in the Splinter. Touching the General and Col. White adventuring in so slight a vessel, the Half Moon being then there, I judge it was a thing which God had appointed for them, as I persuaded them as much as I could to stay for the Charinton, in regard the weather would not admit of their going on board the Half Moon. They only intended to use the pink to carry them on board her, but as the sea was so high that the boat could not pass from ship to ship, they resolved to go over in her. I found the General somewhat inclined to stay for the Charinton, but Col. White being altogether adverse, I could not prevail. I can say little as to the names of the officers and other persons with them, but must refer you to Lieut.-Col. Haines, who, I hope, is now in London, and will be able to give an account. There were 40 persons in the vessel, beside 8 belonging to the Half Moon's boat. [1½ *pages.*]

Dec. 17. Dover. **51.** Thos. White to the Admiralty Commissioners. I am sorry a man should let his pen run into false accusations. The truth is, the John ketch waited on the Commander-in-chief, and when the fleet rode upon the coast of Flanders last summer, she came every week to Dover for water for the ships, delivered to each a full cask, took back the empties, and made 10 voyages in 8 weeks to Ostend and Dunkirk Road. Afterwards one Parker, who attended on the London, was sent to wait upon the Ostend squadron, and the John ketch upon the Dunkirk, and did the service so well that some of the commanders wrote in the master's commendation, and said they

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were better served by the John, when she attended to both fleets, than by Parker, who only waited upon one. There was no complaint until Mardike Fort was taken and in possession of the English, under Sir Jno. Reynolds, when hearing that he desired a ketch to attend him and carry his packets, &c., and being at London, I mentioned it to the Navy Commissioners, who ordered the John to wait upon him, which she did, and carried his packets, as also his live stock of sheep, poultry, &c., from Dover; but having casks of water also, some of which ran foul, and killed a sheep and some of the poultry, Sir John ordered her to desist from carrying water, and to take only his packets, and what his man sent, at which Capt. Sparling took offence, and told Sir John he would let him have a ship to carry his packets, but he preferred the ketch.

Having sent her with them and 16 sick men to Dover, the wind being contrary with a storm, the poor men lying upon the ballast, which shot to leeward, and they one upon the other, and not able to bear sail, they were after 5 days driven into Margate Roads, whereupon he caused them to trench their ballast, had a deal flooring made to keep it fast, and ordered it to be washed every voyage, to keep it clean and sweet for the men to lie upon, and thus she was detained 7 days, the wind being easterly when she was ready to resail.

Since Sir John's death, she has come over again on Maj.-Gen. Morgan's account, and as she has only 5 men, whereas they have 8 in the packet-boat to Flanders, and as the ketch is larger, has 2 great guns and 6 masts, and is exposed to much danger from the enemy, by the discontent of the commander of the fleet, I desire an order to Sir Rich. Stayner to allow her 5 more, or that I may be allowed to hire them and put them on board at the charge of the State, to be paid for at the usual time for payment. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 17. **52.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Transmission of letters and money. M. Lérpinière may be honest, but he is not knowing. I sent him a catalogue of my books, and offered to take the prices paid at Paris or elsewhere. Bercket's Catechisms are not to be had. I sent him 6 at 3*s.* a book. His parcel came to 107*l.*—mine to 219*l.*; judge who is the gainer. Particulars of dealings in books.

If you meet Chas. Potter at Moulin or Nevers, his parents would be glad to know, for they do not hear from him. A Scotch tailor has come to me with bills of Mr. Whorwood, but he is in the same condition that we are—he [Mr. Whorwood, sen.] will not so much as answer letters, and his difference with his wife increases. Lamplugh can do us good, or nobody. Mr. Robinson, with Gen. Reynolds and Col. White, were cast away on the Goodwin Sands, coming from Mardike; they are much lamented. The Protector has chosen 60 persons for the other House, only 7 of the old peerage. It is thought Reynolds would have been one. [2⅓ *pages.*]

Dec. $\frac{17}{27}$. Saumur. **53.** Louis Capel to Williamson. I have been very ill, and am still too weak to write myself. Mr. Walton has ordered 2 volumes of the great Bible to be sent me. Most of Malpandus' work is printed, and will be very useful. [1 *page, much faded.*]

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[Dec. 18.] **54.** Petition of Thos. Salmon, of Wells, to the Protector and Council. By your order [*see* 10 *December* 1657] the John of Amsterdam has been brought in and unladen, and there were found on board silk stockings and other goods, value 1,000*l.*, seized for non-payment of Customs. I beg that they may be disposed of towards satisfying the debt of 1,200*l.* due from me to his Highness. Noted as read. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 18. Order on certificate from the Customs' Commissioners—that on the order of 10 December, they brought up the John of Amsterdam, have taken care of the goods, and will see that none are disposed of, but that several merchants of London claim an interest in them [*see* 31 *December* 1657], and complain of loss by their detention—that the said order of 10 December be discharged, and that the Customs' Commissioners take care that whatever on the ship belongs to the State, by forfeiture, &c., be preserved, and that they give Thos. Salmon their best assistance in recovering the money due to him from Burt, if they find any of Burt's estate laden thereon. [*I.* 78, *p.* 360.] *Annexing,*

55. *Certificate of the Customs' Commissioners alluded to, suggesting also that the goods belonging to the merchants and not to Burt should be shipped on other vessels, so that the merchants may not be prejudiced by detention.* 17 *Dec.* 1657. [1 *page.*]

55. I. *Customs' Commissioners to Wm. Jessop. We beg as much speed as possible in dealing with the above case, for if frost should fall out, the port to which they are designed would be shut up, and the market lost.* 17 *December*, 1657. [½*page.*]

Dec. 18. **56.** Petition of Nath. Temms, Martin Noel, and 5 other merchants of London named, to the Protector, for a license on account of the present hostility with Spain, for the Charity of London to trade to the West Indies, going by Cadiz, and thence to ports free and unfree in America, and returning to England, they having used several nations to man the ship. [⅔ *sheet.*]

Dec. 18. Order thereon in Council, granting the petition, on security for the return of the ship with her bullion and other lading to the Port of London. Approved 29 January. [*I.* 78, *p.* 360.]

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1. Order that the report from the Committee on papers concerning Leonard Carr, of Newcastle, and the charge of delinquency against him—that as he has been in arms against the State they judge him unfit to retain his office of alderman—be agreed to, and letters written accordingly.

2. Approval of an order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers for uniting Newenham and Caldcot, co Herts, Newenham to be the meeting-place, and the patronage to alternate. Approved 7 January.

3. To authorise the Customs' Commissioners to pay to the Exchequer what money they still have for the duty of half per cent.

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for redemption of captives, and on payment, a tally to be struck in the Exchequer therefor.

6. **57.** The Admiralty Commissioners to provide a ship to transport Geo. Downing, his Highness's resident in the United Provinces, with his suite.

8. Mart. Noel to give bills of exchange, authorising Downing to take up in Holland the value of 500*l.* on account of his yearly allowance, and his Highness to be advised to order payment of the 500*l.* to Mr. Noel.

9. Downing having been ordered 1,000*l.* a year as resident in Holland, order to advise that he have 1,300*l.* to enable him the better to bear the expenses of his employment.

11. **58, 59.** On a bill of exchange on the Navy Treasurer by Capt. John Stoakes, dated the Lyme, Bay of Wyers, 18 November 1657, for 500*l.*, payable in 10 days, which is certified to be for the value of 1,050 mil reas and 631 reas Portugal money, received of Thos. Amory, merchant in Lisbon, for his fleet;—order that the Admiralty Commissioners examine the matter, and see that it is accepted, and paid. *Annexing,*

59. I. *Bill of exchange alluded to. The Lyme, Bay of Wyers,* 18 *November* 1657. [¾ *page.*]

59. II. *Order by the Admiralty Commissioners,* 2 *February* 1657–8, *for its payment, and for it to be placed to Capt. Stoakes' account as imprest.* [⅔ *page.*]

12. To advise an order to the Treasuary Commissioners to pay Sir Henry Vyner and And. Riccard, aldermen, 5,000*l.* for reimbursing that sum which they this day advanced to the State. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 355–9.]

Dec. 18. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the Parliament and Council in Scotland. His Highness and Council have received your letter of 30 June concerning Sir Thos. Thompson, of Didistowne, in Scotland, shewing that he has always sided with Parliament, and as his estate is small and much encumbered with debt, and his creditors have not felt it safe to advance the first half of the fine of 1,350*l.* imposed, you advise that for their encouragement the second half be excused, as they will then pay the first half, and this will be more than could be had from the estates if continued under sequestration. They leave it to you to act as you think fit. [*I.* 78, *p.* 843.]

Dec. 18. Plymouth. **60.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will give instructions to the lieutenant of the Gainsborough for commanding her during her captain's absence, but she has been kept in for several days by contrary winds.

Mr. Martin of London has returned from Alicant, where he carried pilchards, having obtained a loading of raisins. He met 5 great ships of London, laden with wine from Malaga, with whom he kept company until nigh the mouth of the Channel, when they were separated by foul weather, and I suppose they put into

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Falmouth, and there are two great ships of London, with wine from the Canaries, put into Dartmouth.

On Monday, the 14th inst., 50 leagues W.S.W. from Scilly, the Fagons and Sorlings fell in with a ship that endeavoured to weather them, and they, judging her an enemy, separated, the Fagons keeping the wind, and the Sorlings bearing under the enemy's lee, she going before the wind. The enemy having come within shot, bore up, firing his great guns and small shot into the Fagons, who being pressed down with sail, lay with her upper guns in the water, and was much disabled, her sails, shrouds, and rigging being shot in pieces, which the enemy perceiving, clapped upon a wind, to shun the Sorlings, that was under his lee, and night coming on and the weather bad, they quickly lost sight of each other. In this skirmish, Capt. Elliott was shot through the body with a musket, one master's mate was slain with a great shot, and the gunner's mate, a quartermaster, and four others, were wounded, some of whom it is thought will not recover. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 18. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **61.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I want the Signet refitted and sent out again, as she is the most fit for a scout; if she has a counterfeit forecastle, as the 2 pinks had, she would be as serviceable for the coast as any in England. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 18. The London, Downs. **62.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have disposed of the 50 hogsheads of flour amongst the ships, and as fruit is dear, and suet not to be had, have directed the purser to buy butter, and supply half-a-pound for so much fruit. I have charged a bill on the Navy Commissioners for it at 25*s.* a firkin. Hopwood has arrived with the hoy and 28 tuns of beer, but lost his anchors and cables coming over, and nearly lost the hoy, having been in the Downs 2 or 3 times, and forced into Margate and Dover.

Capt. Horne came on board to vindicate himself as to losing the Parrot, whereon the several commanders in the Downs were called together, and heard his officers' testimony read, and what he had to say in reply, which was very little, but there being no witnesses to accuse him face to face, they deferred proceeding further until ordered; as the witnesses are all in London, the trial could be better had there.

The Adventure chased two small Ostenders yesterday, but I have not heard the result. It is reported there are no men-of-war at Ostend, all being gone westward, and that the Parrot is coming from Flushing a man-of-war with two shallops; that there are 6 or 7 sail belonging to Yarmouth and the North country laden and ready to go to sea, and that no service can be done on that station this winter, as they dare not lie near the shore. All things are well at Mardike, only the men are very sickly. [1⅝ *pages.*]

Oct. 18. The London, Downs. **63.** J. Fowler, Judge Advocate, to Robt. Blackborne. I send the examination of Capt. Horne, late commander of the Parrot, before Sir Rich. Stayner and Capts. Curtis, Kirby, and Amos. His pretended vindication is very mean, there not being 3 words pertinent thereto, and no proofs. There was a court held 3 Aug. last, but the case was waived,

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as Horne was then prisoner on the other side, and it would be contrary to equity to censure any man unheard; and now the witnesses not being face to face, notwithstanding their depositions are upon oath and attested by them, yet it has been thought fit to respite the full conclusion until the appearance of all parties (*semel et simul*) at a more full Board, unless you think meet to send for Capt. Horne and the witnesses, and so determine it yourselves. I shall be sparing in delivering my opinion, as unwilling to anticipate upon the judgment of better discerners than myself. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

63. I. *Deposition of Capt. Thos. Horne. I was proceeding with a packet for the Downs, and met 4 sail of the enemy, 2 of which bore down upon me, and although I ordered my company to fire upon them, they all, except Thos. Atwell, the boatswain, refused to fight; and one, Edw. Spurgeon, more loud than the rest, said that as they had wives and families, why should they destroy themselves when there was no probability of escaping; and that if they blew their frigate up, they would not save any lives. I attempted to bring off the guns, but failed, and the gunner was nowhere to be seen; as there was not a man of the ship's company who would stick to me, I accepted the quarter tendered, and secured Capt. Whitehorne's packet of orders from the enemy's hands by sinking the vessel. With the names and addresses of the witnesses.* [1 *page.*]

Dec. 19. Approval by the Protector of an order of 18 Dec. [*I.* 78, *p.* 360.]

Dec. $\frac{1}{2}\frac{9}{9}$. Saumur. **64.** M. de Lerpinière to Williamson. We rejoice to hear of your return from the great journey. Your goods are still at Nantes, as no vessel was going for London. Complaints of Mr. Robinson about book transactions. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 21. The Lyme, off Cape de Gatt. **65.** Capt. Jno. Stoakes to the Navy Commissioners. I have not been able to get further through weather and winds. I met a suttee of 4 guns, and forced her on shore near Muttrill; I also met the William of London, with beverage wine from Leghorn, which I have received, and discharged the vessel, his necessity so requiring it. I will lose no time in promoting the service in hand. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 21. Bordeaux. **66.** Capt. Jno. Jeakin to the Admiralty Commissioners. I convoyed several ships to Rochelle and Bordeaux, by order of Capt. Heaton, with Capt. Potter of the President; while waiting at Bordeaux to bring back ships there, I went on shore by invitation, when several Frenchmen came into the room, and after much abuse, tore my hair and the coat off my back, and dragged me through the streets to prison where I now am. I have acquainted the Lord Ambassador at Paris, and I hear it is for my seizing from a Frenchman off the Land's End last July, some hides which I delivered up at the Custom House. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 21. The London, Downs. **67.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. Maj.-Gen. Morgan at Mardike wants 2 or 3 small vessels in lieu of those called away, as he constantly employs that number in carrying away sick

soldiers, and fetching others to the fort; as Capt. Sparling wants a ketch, I will send the one in the Downs until another is appointed, as also the Acadia, a siege being shortly expected, that he may the better send in one or two of the small vessels with him. [1 *page.*]

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3. Order on report from the Attorney-General, on the order for Lord Maynard's passing lands [*see* 10 *Nov.* 1656], that the draft of the deed prepared by him be approved, and he is to see it executed. *Annexing,*

68. *Report alluded to, by Att.-Gen. Prideaux. I conceive the draft sufficient to secure the land to the sons; the lands were lately purchased by Lord Maynard, I have exhibited a bill in the Exchequer, and Lord Maynard has sworn in his answer that the lands are fully worth the money, and are free from incumbrances.* 14 *Dec.* 1657. [1 *page.*]

4. To recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* on Mr. Whitfield, Minister of Peter's Poor, London. Approved.

5. The Excise Commissioners to allow whomever Mr. Comptroller shall appoint to take 40 tuns of sack, 40 of French and Rhenish wine, and 10 of vinegar, custom free, for his Highness's use.

6. Gen. Monk's letter of Dec. 5, and papers concerning the reducement of forces in Scotland, referred to the Committee of Council on Public Service Money, to report.

7. The debate on the report from the Committee of Council on petition of the Muscovy Company Adventurers, for whale fishing in Greenland, to be resumed next Thursday.

8. Order on petition and certificate of the well-affected inhabitants of Weston Parish and Upper Rickingale, co. Suffolk, that a weekly lecture be set up there on a week day, Thos. Creame, Wm. Annis, John Coe, Jas. Elsingwood, and Ben. Pett, persons faithful to the Gospel, to provide an able and godly minister to preach it. Approved 29 January.

9. To advise confirmation of the contract presented to Council by the Committee of Parliament for Customs and Excise, of the custom on poundage, &c., of coal exported from England, Scotland, and Wales, and Berwick, for 5 years, at 22,000*l.* a year.

10. To advise his Highness to recommend the petition referred by him to Council of John Paterson, late of Strabane and City of Chester, some time merchant, to the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland, to relieve him if they see cause, and to order him 20*l.* from Council's contingencies, to enable him and his family to go to Ireland.

11. The petition of the Aldermen, Burgesses, and Common Council of Leeds, and the heads of a charter proposed, referred to his Highness's Counsel learned, to report. Also the petition of the inhabitants of Gateshead and the heads of the charter annexed, and the order of 17 December to be amended thereon.

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12. The Privy Seal for payment of 1,000*l.* to Pet. Blondeau to pass without charge.

13. Mr. Secretary, Mr. Comptroller, Desborow, Fleetwood, Sydenham, Strickland, Mulgrave, Skippon, Fiennes, and Wolsley, to consider concerning replevins brought by several persons on distresses for non-payment of Excise duties, and to send for the sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and consult how it may be settled without damage to the revenue.

14. The business concerning Mr. Toll, and other Customs' officers at Lyme Regis, co. Norfolk, referred to the same Committee, to report.

15. The festivals of Easter, Christmas, and other holy days having been taken away, the Lord Mayor and justices of London and Westminster are to see that the Ordinance for taking away festivals is observed, and to prevent the solemnities heretofore used in their celebration.

16. To advise his Highness to send for Mr. Guning and Dr. Taylor, and require an account of the frequent meetings of multitudes of people held with them, and cause the Ordinance for taking away the Book of Common Prayer to be enforced.

17. The petitions and papers of John, Earl of Rutland, and Thos. Lock, agent of his Highness's patentees for Mines Royal in co. Derby, referred to the Committee on Mines in co. Derby, to report.

18. Order on the petition of the Mayor, &c., of Chester [*see* 5 *Feb.* 1657], and on a certificate on reference thereon of Maj.-Gen. Bridges, Edw. Bradshaw, Jon. Ridge, and John Griffith,—representing that the hospital [called John's of Jerusalem] was founded by Randall, Earl of Chester, and endowed with 22*l.* a year for the poor, is in his Highness's gift by the death of Geo. Hope, and has lately been much neglected, and the money misemployed;—that the government of the hospital be settled in the Mayor of Chester for the time being, with proviso that he gives in accounts thereof yearly to the Common Council of the city. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 361–365.] *Annexing,*

69. *Certificate alluded to by Maj.-Gen. Tobias Bridges, and the other referees.* [1 *sheet.*]

69. I. *Report of the Committee of Council to whom the case was referred, advising that the mayor be Master of the hospital, but that he do not let leases for more than* 10 *years, and at no less than the full rent. Endorsed with a full account of the state of the case of the hospital and its governors.* [1⅔ *pages.*]

69. II. *Short hand notes on the case.* [1 *page.*]

69. III. *Abstract of a statement of the case, and request that as there is now not one stone on another, the hospital may be rebuilt, and the mayor made governor.* [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 22. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of Newcastle. A matter has long depended before the Council

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of the North about Leonard Carr, an Alderman of Newcastle, who has favoured the late war against Parliament, and therefore is incapacitated by the Act of Parliament to that effect from holding any place of public trust, and that of alderman being one of great concern, this Board desires you to remove him from his aldermanship, and elect another in his room. [*J.* 78, *p.* 844.]

Dec. 22. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **70.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I formerly presented the necessity of sending a portion of the squadron in to victual and refit, as others have returned, and I little thought that any would be sent back without victuals, as some have been; 3 or 4 will be out of victuals in a few days; I will supply them out of the Nightingale, as also with some of her men, and send her home. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

70. I. *Account of provisions on board* 10 *ships named, the time they have been off the ground, and the distribution of victuals brought in the Half Moon and Elias.* [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 22. The London, Downs. **71.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Speaker and 5 other ships have come in from their stations to water and revictual, and as all those in the Downs are nearly out of victuals, I want a speedy supply. The enemy having appeared at Mardike, it may not be safe to disable the Downs of ships, lest there be want of them on the other side. [1 *page.*]

[Dec. 22.] Jan. 1. **72.** Dr. Tanaquil Faber to Williamson. You have done well to come to Paris. We were afraid for you of the dangers of travel. You will now be scrutinizing the book-shops, this being your chief object in coming to Paris. As you promise me one book, let it be Lucretius, in 8°, the Plantinian edition; the Raphlengian I have. I will repay you before you leave the city. I have read the books brought me after your departure. Where are they to go now? Buy me the Crispin edition of Homer, if you can find a good copy and clean; also Selden de diis Syriis and Stephanus' New Testament; but above all, the Stephanian edition of L. C. Budæus' Commentaries. Particulars of books. [1½ *pages, Latin.*]

[Dec. 24.] **73.** Petition of Anna, Duchess of Hamilton, to the Protector. The Earl of Abercorn, and Lord Paisley, his son, have petitioned on a pretended title of entail to my estate. You referred the case to the courts of justice in Scotland; and though another petition has lately been presented and rejected by Parliament, yet the Earl, by further petition, insists on his illegal desires. I beg he may be again referred to the common law of Scotland, and I and the creditors not deprived of our legal defence. With reference thereon, 30 March 1657, to the Privy Council. [1 *page.*]

[Dec. 24.] **74.** Petition of the many English and Scottish creditors of the late Dukes of Hamilton to the Protector. We lent them large sums, believing in the sufficiency of their estates, and now the forfeiture being removed, on payment of a fine, the ablest counsel in Scotland find Anna, Duchess of Hamilton, eldest daughter of Duke James, the only person who has a right to the estate, according

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to the laws of Scotland, and we have accepted conveyances of lands from her. But finding that the Earl of Abercorn and his son pretend to an entail of the estate, and request a settlement therefrom, we beg their desires may not be respected; this would obstruct our payment, as the just debts allowed amount to double the value of any real estate of the Dukes of Hamilton. We beg a determination by law. With reference thereon to Privy Council, 30 March 1657. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 24. Reference by Council of both petitions to the Committee on Smithsby's petition, and to the Scotch Committee, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 367.]

Dec. 24. **75.** Petition of John Fyson to Council. By order of 9 Nov. last of the Committee of Council to whom the petition and remonstrance of divers aldermen, ministers, and citizens of Bristol was referred, I was required to attend them at a full hearing of the case on the 20th; on my appearance, I found myself charged with dangerous words against the Protector, for which I am indicted in the Corporation of Bristol.

The weighty affairs of the Committee not permitting a full hearing, I was ordered not to depart from London without leave [*see* 24 *Nov.* 1657], and have attended ever since, my wife being ill, and my family distracted by my absence.

Conscious of innocence, I am willing to submit to any trial you appoint, but know not how to prepare for it, and the quarter sessions, at which I am under bail to appear, are at hand. I beg leave on security to repair to my family. [1 *page.*]

[Dec. 24.] **76.** Petition of John Fyson to the Committee on the case. I beg to present to you the following particulars:—

(1.) The warrant summoning me named no offence, so I came unprepared for defence, whereas the remonstrants could bring up their witnesses.

(2.) The remonstrants are but a small part of the aldermen, and had I offended against the government of the city, the rest would have concurred.

(3.) By the remonstrance, as I heard it read, and the indictment, the offence was committed in 1656, whereas I can prove that no complaint was made against me till I was called to be a witness in a trial 6 months later.

(4.) My prosecutor and his witnesses are persons who have threatened to be revenged on me for giving evidence on trials against them; I therefore justly except against them.

(5.) I am unskilful in law, and know not whether your jurisdiction can extend to such offences, or how far, if proved, they are criminals, or in what form to defend myself.

I beg, therefore, you will give me a copy of the petition and remonstrance, and allow me time to advise with my counsel, to draw up an answer, and bring witnesses. [1 *page.*]

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Dec. 24. Order on the petition of John Fyson and Hannah and Wm. Hobson of Bristol, that their attendance be for the present dispensed with, the order of 24 Nov. notwithstanding, they giving bonds to the clerks of the Council, with sureties in 500*l.*, to attend within 14 days when required. [*I.* 78, *p.* 367.]

Dec. 24. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of the burgesses of Uxbridge, Middlesex, an ancient borough, for confirmation of their former liberties and immunities, and such further franchises as may tend to the general good. Report thereon 7 Aug. 1657, that the Attorney-General should prepare a draft of a charter, preserving their rights, so that no damage accrue to the State; and order in Council accordingly. [*I.* 93, *No.* 12; *I.* 78, *p.* 368.]

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1. **77.** Order on report from the Mardike Committee about provisions, that as biscuit, beer, cheese, butter, and peas are wanted for 4 months for 3,000 men at Mardike, the Admiralty Commissioners consider what quantities will be required, and the charge of transport, and do their best to get their provisions at the lowest rates for ready money.

2. To advise his Highness to send Capt. Johnson as storekeeper to Mardike, with orders to receive all provisions sent thither, and issue them out according to orders he shall receive, and to obey Maj.-Gen. Morgan; to have 8*s.* a day allowed him and his clerks, and 20*l.* in advance.

3. Mr. Secretary to prepare a commission, and instructions for him accordingly.

4. Mr. Secretary to write to Mr. Burton of Yarmouth, to contract for 60 chaldrons of coal, and send them to Mardike as Maj.-Gen. Morgan shall direct, and return a bill of exchange on Frost.

5. The Customs' Commissioners to forbear payment of salaries to themselves or officers under them till Feb. 1, that all the money from customs may be used for navy purposes.

7. A report from the Committee of Council on the estate of Mr. Toomes, *felo de se*, read, and recommended to the former Committee thereon; Lisle, Fleetwood, Wolsley, and Mr. Comptroller added to the Committee, to consider and advise.

8. All public business to be considered in Council before private business, and the Lord President to remind Council thereof.

9. Council to sit at 4 this afternoon.

13. Lisle to sign the papers of Council in the absence of the Lord President.

14. To recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers an additional augmentation of 40*l.*, beside the 60*l.* now allowed, to Mr. Fuller, Martin's, Ironmonger Lane, London.

15, 16. Also augmentations of 40*l.* each to the ministers of Sampford Peverell, co. Devon, and Flamborough Head, co. York. Approved 7 January.

17. The report from the Committee on the Piedmontese Protestants, of a draft declaration for a collection for Protestants driven out of Poland, referred to Fiennes, Fleetwood, Sydenham, Wolsley,

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Mr. Comptroller, and Strickland. Also on report that 100*l.* should be paid to Mr. Powell, who has managed the distribution of funds in Piedmont and kept the accounts;—order that the Treasurers of the money collected pay Powell 100*l.*, to be repaid out of interest on money lent out of the said fund. Approved 29 January.

18. A letter from the Admiralty Judges of 23 Dec., concerning the Jago of Portsmouth, a Portugal prize taken by the Dutch, and brought in by a State's frigate, referred to Fleetwood, Wolsley, Strickland, Fiennes, Mulgrave, Mr. Secretary, and Desborow, to consult with the Admiralty Judges, and take order for discharge of the ship according to the order of the 18th instant.

19. **78.** The Admiralty Commissioners to provide a convoy for a vessel taking over 500 barrels of powder for his Highness's garrison at Mardike.

21. Order on report on the petition of Thos. Fitch, Minister [*see* 4 *Nov.* 1657], and on a certificate by the Commissioners for Preachers that they judge him a man of piety and learning, that he be restored to liberty to preach, the sentence by the Commissioners for Ejection notwithstanding. Approved 29 January. *Annexing,*

79. *Certificate alluded to, made on Fitch's appearance before the Commissioners, 9 December last.* [⅔ *page.*]

79. I. *Certificate of the passing of this order, the completing and issuing of which depends on his Highness's concurrence, for which he will be speedily attended.* 18 *Jan.* 1658. [*Draft,* 1 *page.*]

22. Order on a letter from the Admiralty Judges on the French fly-boat Concord, taken off Belle Isle by a Spanish frigate, re-taken by the Constant Warwick, and claimed by M. de Quesne,—that the boat be restored to the owners, but as by the depositions it is doubtful whether the time of her retention by the Spaniards is more or less than 24 hours, those owners are to allow the mariners of the Constant Warwick a reward for salvage; in order to ascertain the amount, the Admiralty Judges are to value the fly-boat and her lading, and on payment of salvage, order her release and restitution. Approved 2 January. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 366–371.] *Annexing,*

* **80.** *Report of the Admiralty Judges alluded to, giving details of the capture and recapture. Doctors' Commons,* 23 *Oct.* 1657. [2⅔ *pages.*]

Dec. 24. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Maj.-Gen. Wm. Burton at Great Yarmouth, co. Norfolk. His Highness and Council desire you to contract for and immediately despatch 60 chaldrons of coal to Mardike, to whomever Maj.-Gen. Morgan shall appoint, and charge a bill of exchange on Frost. [*I.* 78, *p.* 844.]

Dec. 24. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the President and Council in Scotland. Lady Margaret Crawford Lindsey has petitioned that, although the Act of Pardon, &c., allows her 400*l.* a year for herself, and children's maintenance from her late husband's estate, yet for 1655 the Trustees at Leith paid her but 100*l.*, though they had received the rents;

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his Highness and Council desire you to look into the matter, and see that what is due to her on the Ordinance be paid. [*I.* 78, *p.* 844.]

Dec. 24. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **81.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will deliver your instructions to the John ketch on her return from Dover. I will not fail to answer whatever shall be desired from the fort at an hour's warning, as I have formerly done. I have entered on board the Assistance the men sent by Sir Rich. Stayner, as also some in the shallops, out of the ships sent in, making together 200 men, but there will be several inconveniences; the first and least, the great trouble they will meet with in coming into Dunkirk Road for their victuals, or in victuals being carried to them in foul weather, or lent by pursers of other ships, as they dare not trust one another. If there were a nation of them, it would be a gallant country for lawyers to live in, for they are generally guilty of very little justice amongst themselves.

The second inconvenience is that the shallops can only lodge 24 of their company on board, and the lodging of the rest perhaps a league from them may cause much mischief in case of any sudden emergency. The third is that you only allow 20 men to each shallop, which is 8 more than they can lodge, and they cannot be made serviceable with less than 30, which is not altogether a man to an oar; it will not do to seek for men in time of action, and no two ships are capable of sparing so many, or would do so without order. To prevent these and other inconveniences, the men appointed for them should be borne on board some ship riding in the same station with them, when there will be a certainty of having them when wanted, otherwise the shallops' being there, and being so remarkable for their rowing and sailing, will be of little or no avail. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Dec. 24. The London, Downs. **82.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have caused the captain and master of the Portland to be examined by the Judge-Advocate, as also the several witnesses; I understand the matter is very bad on both sides, but it has not yet come to a hearing, nor any report made. Capt. Horne shall be sent to you.

There is not above 400 men's victuals for a month to be had at Dover, which will be very little amongst all in the Downs. The ketch has arrived for Mardike, but having already sent one there, I will detain her until further orders. The ships are all gone to their stations, except the Portland, which is not fit to be sent, as she was like to have been cast away since she went out last; I hear there were many lost coming from Bordeaux. Twelve sail of Hollanders and English have passed through the Downs, and met 9 English men-of-war off Cape St. Mares; it is said there are 30 men-of-war of great force lately come out of Biscay. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

82. I. *Deposition of Wm. Baines, pilot of Deal. I piloted the Half Moon, laden with provisions, to Mardike, and Gen. Reynolds having intimated he intended returning in her, the provisions were hastened out, and she waited for his coming on board in the Splinter; but he went over*

in a small vessel, which we followed as far as we could, and lost sight of when night came on. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 24. **83.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Sir Francis [Norris] and I are troubled not to receive letters and receipts for money sent. Private affairs.

Some thousands of soldiers are drawn nearer our city, and some to quarter in Paul's. This day came an order to the Lord Mayor to suppress Christmas holidays, according to order of Parliament, and consequently all others. It is much doubted whether to-morrow we shall have an Episcopal sermon. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 25. / Jan. 4. [Paris.] Pe[rcy] Ch[urch] to Sec. Nicholas. Strict search is still continued after the Duke of Buckingham, and large sums offered for discovery of where he is. Last week St. John's son, who is in a consumption, landed at Dieppe, with his uncle, an M.D., who comes to take care of him.

It is written from England that Lord Falconbridge is to succeed Reynolds as General. Writs are gone forth in Cromwell's name for 60 persons to come and consult next month on weighty affairs, and his Protectorship has reserved 10 names, the number intended being 70, including Earls Mulgrave, Warwick, and Manchester, and Barons Eure, Wharton, and Falconbridge.

The 8 suspected priests lately apprehended in London were taken prisoners to St. James's, whence 4 are sent to Windsor Castle, and the others to be disposed of elsewhere. [*Extracts, Flanders correspondence.*]

Dec. 25. / Jan. 4. Sir Rich. Browne [to Sec. Nicholas]. We have a list of those doughty knights whom Cromwell has designed for the composure of his other house; among whom a brother of father Goff's, and Huson, the shoemaker, who may bear his præludiary weapons, Sir Hugh's bones, and an awl, for the worthy ensigns of this his new nobility.

Reynolds is drowned, and Lord Falconbridge is to succeed him as captain-general of the English. Young Mancini is gone for England, and we expect printed relations of his magnificent reception.

I am told that Sir Edw. Herbert was a little surprised with his last summons, his physicians saying there was no danger till 2 hours before his death. He was yesterday buried in the Protestant burying-place in this suburb. Lord Jermyn and other honourable persons, with 5 coaches, attended the funeral. So I am told, for I had not the honour of being invited. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

Dec. 26. **84.** Petition of the creditors of the late dukes of Hamilton to the Protector. To the same effect as that of 30 March 1657. Adding —We understand that the Earl of Abercorn and his son have obtained on a feigned suggestion your letter to the Council in Scotland, to put them in possession of the lands of Arran and Pomount, which will be destructive to us, and inconsistent with the laws of Scotland.

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We beg revocation of the said letters; Anna, duchess of Hamilton, who has paid the whole fine, is in possession of the whole estate, and from her alone we can receive satisfaction, she being unheard when the said letter was granted. Also we beg to be left to the courts of justice in Scotland. With reference thereon to Council. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 28. **85.** Bond of Marmaduke Robinson of Houghton, and Thos. Barnes of Witton-on-Wear, co. Durham, in 200*l.* to Sir Hen. Vane of Raby Castle, for Robinson's performance of an agreement of the same date, subject not named. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 29. **86.** Petition of Wm. Wood, merchant, with Madlene his wife, and Sir Geo. Melville, his father-in-law, to the Protector. There was 5,000*l.* due to Sir Geo. Melville, as heir to his father, Sir Andrew Melville, of Garvoch, who sold therefor rents belonging to St. Andrew's University and Church and Corsagrul Abbey, which at the treaty of Berwick the late King wished to restore, and granted a precept to the Treasury of Scotland for payment; but on account of sundry troubles and changes, the money remained unpaid, though Sir George came up to Westminster about it. On the change of government, Sir George petitioned the late Council of State for payment, and was referred to the Commissioners for Justice in Scotland. On your accession to power, Madlene Melville petitioned you, and you referred her to the same Commissioners, to see whether anything had been done. I went thereon into Scotland, and at much charge, made out Sir George's interest to the lands still unpaid for, transferred to me as a portion with his daughter, and for payment of debts.

You then ordered me payment from ⅓ of my discoveries, but this proving too chargeable, you referred me to Parliament [*see* 25 *Nov.* 1657]. I have spent 1,000*l.*, 3 years' time, and lost my trade, and must perish without help. I beg payment at once, or a weekly allowance if put off. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

86. *Report in detail on the whole state of the affair, with notes from depositions taken in the Exchequer in Scotland, and note of reference of his Highness to Council,* 23 *Feb.* 1656–7. *Endorsed with an abstract thereof.* [3 *pages.*]

Dec. 29. Order thereon that the Council in Scotland inquire what lands, late Sir Andrew's or Sir George's, were made over, their value, the present holders, whether the church and university have the benefit, and whether the land is so settled as to disable the claimants from entering legally therein, and to report. Approved in person. [*J.* 78, *p.* 372.]

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His Highness present.

[The order marked thus * were approved in person.]

4. To advise a patent to authorise Lawrence, Mulgrave, and Desborow to administer the oath to any who shall be admitted members of Council.

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5. The clerks of Council to learn what sums the State has paid to Anne Swayne for a piece of ground adjoining Shrewsbury Castle, and by what order, and to report.

6. Council to meet again at 4 to consider a letter from the Admiralty Commissioners, and 2 from the Navy Commissioners, all importing the necessity of money for naval affairs.

8. On report from the Admiralty Commissioners, on an order of 4 Nov. to them to speak with the patentees of the Ballast Office about surrendering their patent; also on the petition of Thos. Lodington, Sam. Clarke, Geo. Bowerman, and Oliver Williams, the patentees:—Order to advise a patent under the Great Seal of the Ballast Office to Desborow and Montague, without rent reserved, and they to order their deputies to render a rent of 400*l.* a year, 200*l.* to be paid to Mr. Jessop, and 200*l.* to the widow and children of Lieut.-Col. Fras. White, or others whom his Highness shall appoint, they giving security therefor. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 366–374.]

Dec. 29. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **87.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I gave an account of the inconveniences arising from the men belonging to the shallops lying at such a distance from them, and from the place of any sudden action, as also of those I found by lying myself away from my business, so that I cannot answer the ends you intend, except I were brass or iron, and no man is so capable of giving an account of business as he that is in the place of constant action, or personally present in time of action. How I can be either, I will leave you to judge, when I am in Dunkirk Road, and all present action lies at Mardike, a league distant. I have given such frequent attendance there, and had such intercourse between the two, that I have taken cold, and have been lately confined to my cabin for several days, which might have been expected, considering I have been sometimes forced to make use of the night, and other times in fogs at sea for 4 or 5 hours together, and not only subject to colds, but likely to find a close prison.

The inconveniences attending the passage between Dunkirk Road and Mardike have so impaired my health that I am incapable of sitting to write. You must be sensible of how ill the consequences of colds have been this winter, and of the bad effects they have produced to many hundreds upon the coast within these few months.

The sending of the Acadia upon the station by Sir Richard Stayner is a very seasonable present, as several of the squadron must soon be forced off for want of provisions. I am well satisfied with my ketch, and desire it may be the one that was intended for me. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 29. Queen's College, Oxford. **88.** Gerard Langbaine to Joseph Williamson. I am glad you and your company are safely returned to Paris; I take it for granted that Mr. Lamplugh, or some other of your friends here, have acquainted you with such matters as concern you, as the degree of master conferred upon you, under the seal of the University, a

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course somewhat beside the statute, but not without precedents sufficiently within the compass of our times, and what followed upon it; viz., your election into our Society; but your admission cannot be until you be personally present. If you can so dispose of your other occasions, it might be to your advantage to be here before Lady-day, or at furthest by Midsummer.

I purposed to send you a copy of the diploma, but my draft is yet in the registrar's hands, and I am not master of so much time at present as to transcribe a second. I have paid some of the fees, and engaged for the rest, but defer until I am satisfied what exercise in order to that degree you performed before your departure, as the beadles in their note demand fees for Austins and Quodlibets, as not done by you. Let me know this, and also what stay you intend in Paris.

Also—1. Whether you can get the Greek copy of Alexander Aphrodiseus de Fato, translated by Grotius and published in 4to. by his lady at Paris, since his decease in 1648, with others upon that argument.

2. Who is now chief keeper of the King's library?

3. Whether Sir Kenelm Digby be with you there?

Lastly. That you will deliver the enclosed to Charles, and inform yourself by all possible means and then me, in what condition he is at present, how and with whom he has lived since his coming over, what conversation he is of, what abilities he has for the French tongue, what his employment, and whatever else you think I would desire to know, for he has studiously declined ever to give any answer to questions of this kind. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 29. **89.** W. Doull to Williamson. Thanks for the civilities shown me at Oxford for your sake. I could not deliver yours to Dr. Langbaine, he being at his country house ill. Mr. Lamplugh was very kind to me, and neglects nothing that concerns you. I cannot recount the kindnesses I received at Queen's. I dined at the hall, collationed at Lamplugh's chamber, was treated by Beeby and Halton, and Lamplugh took me over the other colleges and your grand library; so that, for the 2 days I was at Oxford, I seemed in an enchanted country.

Please thank your friends, and say how sensible I am of their favours. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 30. / Jan. 9. Saumur. **90.** Susanne Poitevin to Williamson. Thanks for your remembrance of me by your present, although they say it is one of bad omen. In fact I have remarked that the scissors have been sharp enough to cut out the name of Aunt that you gave me. I have said nothing to your poor wife; I will not trouble her joy at present—ill news are learned only too soon. Yet as aunt, I must reproach you, and say that my niece has been entirely faithful to you. [1 *page, French.*]

Dec. 30. / Jan. 9. **91.** Marie Bouchereau to Williamson. Your wife is delighted with your present. She could not have had greater joy, except

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that of seeing you. She has chosen the green, because it was your colour. Her 2 sisters thank you, and I also.

P.S.—I told you of M. Capel's illness, he is better, and thanks you for your salutation. [1¼ *pages, French.*]

Dec. 30. Jan. 9. Saumur. **92.** J. Bouchereau to Williamson. Thanks for your letter, and the double portion of favour which you grant me. I much regret that I did not know your abode, so as to thank you earlier. [2 *pages, French.*]

Dec. 31. Whitehall. **93.** Petition of Wm. Trumbull and Rich. Hill [to the Protector]. By a fair and legal election, our 2 sons and others were lately elected to All Souls' College, Oxford, according to the statutes of the college. But the visitors oppose the election, and endeavour to make it void, and have applied to you to nominate others instead. We beg you not to do this, to the prejudice of our sons' election, till we are fully heard. With reference thereon to Lord Rich. Cromwell, chancellor, and Lord Fiennes, Commissioner of the Great Seal, to inquire and certify. [*Copy,* ½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

93. I. *Further reference by them to Dr. John Conant and the visitors of the University. 7 Jan.* 1657–8. [½ *page.*]

93. II. *Reply of the said visitors, with signatures of Dr. John Conant, vice-chancellor, Rob. Harris* [*president of Trinity*], *Hen. Wilkinson* [*principal of Magdalen hall*], *Jas. Barrow* [*professor of divinity*], *Thos. Goodwin* [*president of Magdalen*], *John Owen* [*dean of Christ Church*], *Thankful Owen* [*president of St. John's*], *and Fras. Howell* [*late professor of moral philosophy*]—*to Lord Rich. Cromwell, chancellor. We have your commands in reference to our late orders on a pretended election of fellows at All Souls. We thank his Highness for referring the petition sent to him to you, who have been our great friend here, and we enclose you a whole narrative, the truth of which made us willing to undergo the opposition we expected from those concerned to continue the corruption mentioned. Were it not for our wish to promote piety and learning, and prevent such evils as must provoke God's anger against the place, we would not undergo the opposition of crossing the corrupt interests of men. The corruption in that college being notorious, we were called on to take some course for its prevention, and made an order which, if it take place, the election must be null, and the corruption will be removed; if otherwise, no visitors can carry on any reformation. Oxford,* 11 *Jan.* 1657–8. *Endorsed* [*by R. Cromwell*] "7 *more, all college halls to be visited. Visitors' power, such as it was, to former university. Examine what statutes fit to be abrogated, or what to be added. Exhibit to his Highness or the Parliament. Explain a statute.*" [1 *page.*]

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93. III. *Lord R. Cromwell and Fiennes to Dr. Conant and the visitors. We find it necessary to have a hearing of the business when all the parties can attend. We therefore summon some on your behalf to appear before us on* [*Thursday*] *next at the Council Chamber, Whitehall.* 23 *Jan.* 1657–8. [*Copy,* ½ *page. This and the* 2 *next are on the same sheet with the petition.*]

93. IV. *Like summons to* ———, *to appear in the case of Trumbull and Hill.* [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

93. V. *Like summons to the master and fellows of All Souls College, to appear on behalf of the college.* [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

93. VI. *Order to* [*the said master and fellows*], *to suspend all proceedings meantime.* [¾ *page.*]

93. VII. *Dr. John Conant, vice-chancellor, and* 8 *others* [*as in letter of* 11 *Jan., adding Chris. Rogers*], *to Lord Rich. Cromwell, chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor received your letter late last night, but we could not meet till this afternoon, to put ourselves in a way of obeying your commands. Had we found it possible, we should not have failed to attend your appointment, but the scantness of the time—the season of the year rendering the journey hazardous, the age and infirmity of some of us considered—makes us beg to be excused waiting on you at the time appointed. We beg you to consider our narrative formerly transmitted. Noted* [*by R. Cromwell*] *"Fellows fail; visitors' power." Oxford,* 26 *January* 1657–8. [1 *page, copy.*]

93. VIII. *Lord Richard Cromwell and Lord Fiennes to the visitors at Oxford. Though the other side are dissatisfied at their relations being kept from their places in All Souls, we will give you to this day fortnight to attend us on the case. Whitehall,* 11 *February* 1657–8. [¾ *page, copy.*]

93. IX. *Order that Maidstone answer, on behalf of Lords Richard and Fiennes, that they had the desires of the Oxford visitors at second hand, and too late to take proper orders for their satisfaction, but they will try to persuade the other side to have patience till the weather prove seasonable for the visitors who wish it to come up and be heard, before report is made to his Highness.* [¾ *page, copy.*]

Dec. 31. **94.** Petition of Thos. Salmon, for 70 creditors of Rich. Burt, merchant of London, to the Protector and Council. Rich. Burt lately took up from us 10,000*l.* worth of linen, worsted stockings, shirts, &c., and has packed them all with his own trunk and wearing apparel on board the John of Amsterdam, intending to go beyond seas, and never to pay for them. We therefore took out a statute of bankruptcy against him and seized the goods, but the Customs' officers opened them and took out parcels of silk stockings, on

pretence that no duty had been paid on them. If we had not seized the goods, the ship would have departed with them all; we are not the offenders, but Burt, who is a bankrupt, and we were in possession before the Customs' officers came in. We therefore beg an order for all the goods, which will not nearly cover our debts. [1 *sheet.*]

Dec. 31. Reference thereon to Sydenham, Desborow, Mr. Comptroller, Strickland, and Wolsley, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 377.]

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1. Order that Col. Clark, lately come to England from Mardike, return to his charge there.

2. Order on petition of the town of Stony Stratford, co. Bucks, for a grant of a weekly market on the east of the town—an *ad quod damnum* having been issued for enquiry, and a return made that it will not prove prejudicial,—that the Committee for Charters enquire into the matter, hear the petitioners and their opponents, send for persons needful, and report. *Annexing,*

95. *Writ of ad quod damnum,* 10 *Aug.* 1657, *and return* 14 *Sept.* 1657, *alluded to.* [6 *pages.*]

3. On the petition of Thos. Waight, late master of the Charles ketch, that he delivered 230*l.* worth of provisions to Mardike, and received a bill drawn by Lieut.-Col. Fras. White on Frost for that sum, but cannot obtain it,—order that the Treasury Commissioners furnish Frost money on the Privy Seal for 3,000*l.* for such payments.

4. The report from the Admiralty Commissioners, on the order of Council of 24 Dec. 1657, referred to the Committee for money, to meet this afternoon, consider, and report. *Annexing,*

96. *Report alluded to, that Denis Gauden, an able and fit man, will supply the provisions in the Splinter, including beef* 3 *days a week, free of charge, at the rate of* 6*d. a day per man, taking the freight and risk, but only for ready money; or, if he may have the store-room in the fort, and the same means as at present of bringing up provisions from the seaside to the fort, he will provide regularly* 3 *months' dry provisions and* 1 *month's beer, to be in readiness in Mardike Fort, at* 6½*d. per man.* 29 *December* 1657. [1 *page.*]

5. The draft of a commission appointing visitors of Jesus College, Oxford, referred to his Highness's Counsel learned, to perfect the draft according to law, and return it.

6. The report of the Counsel learned concerning the heads of a charter for Gateshead referred to the Committee on Corporations, to report.

7–9. Approval of orders by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers for consolidation of the following parishes:—

Brockdish and Thorpe Abbotts, co. Norfolk.
Moreby and the Chapelry of Woodenderby, co. Lincoln.
Horton Parish and Chapelry of Knowlton, co. Dorset. Approved 7 January.

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10. To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* each on Seth Wood and Edw. Pearse, preachers at Margaret's, Westminster. Approved 7 January.

11. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to pay Mr. Wiggan the arrears of his augmentation of 100*l.*, formerly ordered, which Fleetwood, Sydenham, Mr. Comptroller, Wolsley, and Strickland are to see done. Approved 6 March.

12. Approval of the following augmentations granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers:—

			£	*s.*	*d.*
Scredington	co. Lincoln	-	6	10	0
Lovershall	„ York	-	13	6	8
Laughton le Morthing	„ „	-	35	0	0
Weld	„ „	-	20	0	0
Worthardine	„ Salop	-	20	0	0
Wellington, further augmentation	„ „	-	30	0	0
Black Auton	„ Devon	-	20	0	0
Otterton	„ „	-	30	0	0
Guosall, to make the augmentation 40*l.*	„ Stafford	-	18	0	0
Buckland	„ Berks	-	15	0	0
King's Norton	„ Worcester	-	20	0	0
Whitton	„ Lincoln	-	6	13	4
Sittingbourne	„ Kent	-	10	0	0
Meliden	„ Flint	-	40	0	0

Approved by the Protector 7 January.

14. The Attorney-General having, on an order of 10 Nov. last, prepared a draft of a deed for settling lands in Dean Forest on Banaster and William, infant sons of Lord Maynard, the lands being lately purchased by himself, their value being certified into the Exchequer, and they capable of improvement and free from incumbrance, and the deed was thereon ordered to be engrossed and executed,—order for a warrant to Major John Wade to pay 1,500*l.* to Lord Maynard in pursuance of the contract.

15. Council to meet at 5 p.m.

16. Lord Rich. Cromwell took the Councillor's oath, administered by the Earl of Mulgrave and Gen. Desborow, and was added to all the Committees of Council.

17. **97.** The Admiralty Commissioners to give fit directions for sale of useless sling pieces in Hull garrison, the money to be employed in repair of the garrison. Approved 29 January.

18. **98.** Also to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower to issue 150 wheelbarrows and 200 spades and mattocks for Hull garrison, and contract for them advantageously. Approved 29 January.

19, 20. To alter in the army establishment the 2*s.* 6*d.* a day allowed to Hull garrison for fire and candles to 4*s.* a day, and the 2*s.* to the surgeon to 3*s.* Approved 29 January.

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21. Lord R. Cromwell, Mulgrave, Fleetwood, Desborow, Strickland, and Mr. Comptroller, to consider Capt. Copley's patent for melting iron with charked sea coal, and report.

22. The Governor of Kingston-upon-Hull garrison to see that the decayed carriages belonging thereto are repaired, and Alderman John Rogers, receiver of the 1,000*l.* lately assigned for repair of that garrison, to provide the money. Approved 29 January.

23. **99.** Order on a letter of 22nd inst. to the Admiralty Commissioners from Rob. Grassingham of Harwich,—that according to orders received, he took up a ship for transporting soldiers to Mardike and made ready provisions, at a charge of 85*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*, particulars whereof are given in his bill—that the Admiralty Commissioners examine his bill, and order payment, and as the said provisions were not used as designed, dispose of them advantageously. Approved 19 January.

24. Whereas on 5 Dec. Lord Fleetwood and Mr. Secretary directed Col. Denis Pepper to take up 1,000*l.* for the 7 companies of Col. Edw. Salmon's regiment, who were to be transported from Harwich to Mardike, and to draw bills on Frost, for repayment of which 136*l.* 10*s.* was drawn, but the companies did not go to Mardike :— Order that the Army Committee issue a warrant to the Treasurers-at-war for that sum, and discount it from the next month's pay of the regiment.

26. Report from the Comptroller that a small sum remains in the hands of Hum. Jones, treasurer of the money returned from Scotland due to creditors and servants of the late King, his receipts being 4,811*l.* 19*s.*, and his payments 4,496*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*, including 381*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* paid on warrants of the Trustees for sale of the goods and for his own salary, and balance in hand 315*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*

27. Also report from Clement Kinnersley that the said Trustees assigned the piece of tapestry, part of the story of the King of Assyria, value 9*l.* 15*s.*, to Geo. Wilson, in performance of a contract.

28. Rich. Sydenham, Rice Vaughan, and Thos. Evershed, to peruse the papers and petitions of those who have warrants from the Trustees yet unpaid, and distribute the 315*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* among the neediest, allowing 9*l.* 15*s.* to Wilson, and having special regard to the arrears due to the Mortlake men. *Annexing,*

100. *List of* 35 *servants and creditors whose warrants are still unpaid.* [1 *page.*]

100. I. *Report by Kinnersley as to the tapestry, that it was sold to Wilson in lieu of other goods sold in* 1651, *and embezzled, but that it is at Whitehall in his Highness's service, with* 2 *others of the same story, which should not be separated, and therefore Wilson should be paid for it.* 3 *November* 1657. [¾ *page.*]

29. Order that the former Committee of Council examine by what warrants the 381*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* mentioned in Mr. Jones' account was issued, and report.

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30. Whereas the forces now abroad are unprovided of fire and candle,—order that the Committee of Council on Money consider the best way of furnishing them, and what addition should be made to the allowance of the Guards at the Mews and elsewhere about London, for fire and candle, and where the money may best be had, and report.

31. Approval of the following augmentations granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, viz. :—

		£	*s.*	*d.*
Haddenham	co. Bucks	20	0	0
West Wiccomb	„ „	25	0	0
Peter's Chalfont	„ „	33	0	0
Olney	„ „	20	0	0
Langley Marsh	„ „	40	0	0
Steeple Morden	co. Cambridge and Isle of Ely.	30	0	0
Iselham	„ „	20	0	0
Chelsham	„ „	40	0	0
Foxton	„ „	20	0	0
Bowden	„ Chester	20	0	0
Peter's in Chester	„ „	120	0	0
Bidston	„ „	20	0	0
Upton *alias* Overchurch	„ „	10	0	0
Bakewell	„ Derby	36	0	0
Dronfield	„ „	1	6	8
Kirk Ireton	„ „	0	13	4
Boxteed	„ Essex	10	0	0
Dovercourt	„ „	15	0	0
Quendon	„ „	10	0	0
Woodham Mortimer	„ „	20	11	10
Brightlingsea	„ „	40	0	0
Paul's Beauchamp	„ „	40	0	0
Castle Heveningham	„ „	8	8	4
South Minster	„ „	20	0	0
Burghill	„ Hereford	20	0	0
Hemel Hempstead	„ Herts	10	0	0
Peter's in Thanet	„ Kent	40	0	0
Boxley	„ „	10	0	0
Dartford	„ „	24	0	0
Eltham	„ „	10	0	0
Hythe	„ „	40	0	0
Bethersden	„ „	30	0	0
Finsbury	„ „	10	0	0
Waldershare	„ „	20	0	0
Watringbury	„ „	8	12	0
Monkton	„ „	57	4	0
Goosnargh Chapel	„ Lancaster	20	0	0
Douglas	„ „	13	6	8
Foston	„ Leicester	22	0	0
Wigston	„ „	40	0	0

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			£	s.	d.
Holbeach	„	Lincoln	35	0	0
Ouston	„	„	30	0	0
Repeham	„	„	40	0	0
Channock	„	„	10	0	0
Luddington	„	„	30 qrs. of corn		
Heling	„	„	30	0	0
South Ferriby	„	„	10	0	0
Uxbridge	„	Middlesex	72	0	0
Bow	„	„	72	0	0
Hampton	„	„	10	0	0
Snetsham	„	Norfolk	40	0	0
Stanfield	„	„	10	0	0
Ormsby	„	„	20	0	0
Rathersthorp	„	Northampton	10	0	0
Helpeston	„	„	18	0	0
Little Okeley	„	„	10	0	0
Doddington	„	„	20	16	8
Blythe	„	Notts	30	0	0
Stanton Harcourt	„	Oxford	20	0	0
Husband Tarrant	„	Southampton or Hants	10	0	0
Brockenhurst	„	„	20	0	0
Kinver Rogers	„	Stafford	10	0	0
Gaseby	„	Suffolk	22	2	0
Woking	„	Surrey	24	19	8
Purbright	„	„	40	0	0
West Hampnet	„	Sussex	20	0	0
West Deane and Binderton	„	„	26	0	0
Singleton	„	„	50	0	0
Bishopstone	„	„	11	0	0
Bedingham	„	„	23	0	0
Rombaldswick, beside 30*l.* before.	„	„	10	0	0
Long Itchington	„	Warwick	15	0	0
Righton	„	„	11	6	8
Great Malvern	„	Worcester	20	0	0
Castle Moreton	„	„	20	0	0
Icomb	„	„	10	0	0
East Ardesley	„	York	20	0	0
Holmfirth	„	„	30	0	0
Felkirk	„	„	12	0	0
Ripon	„	„	127	0	0
Bishopsthorpe	„	„	30	0	0

All approved by the Protector, 29 January. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 374–386.]

Dec. 31. **101.** Order by the Savoy and Ely House Committee to desire the Admiralty Commissioners speedily to prepare instructions for regulating pensions to sick and wounded seamen and soldiers, or the widows and children of such as have died in the service,

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with respect to their merits and sufferings, and also with a view to carrying on the business by one set of Commissioners, as being most advantageous to the State; to take advice with fit persons thereon, and to report. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 31. **102.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I wonder not to hear, you being so near as Paris. You should acknowledge the money sent by Sir Francis [Norris]. I fear you are not well. Private affairs. [1 *page.*]

Dec.? **103.** Petition of David Young to the Admiralty Commissioners. Some time since, I sent you a petition and reference from his Highness, showing that being employed by merchants beyond seas, and ordered to follow their instructions, I met a fleet of Spaniards at Santa Cruz. From affection to his Highness and my country, I neglected my owners' affairs, and gave intelligence to the English fleet under Gen. Blake, which proved to be of great concern.

On my return, my owners, finding I had not carried my commodities to the market directed, whereby they were much damaged, turned me out of the ship, so that I cannot maintain my family and pay my debts. Thereupon you desired me to give the names of the owners, who are :—

Col. Thos. Middleton, Stratford.
Hum. Beane, Thos. Colvert, Crutched Friars.
Thos. Gould, Redriffe Wall.

I beg compensation, and a command in the service. In the war with the Dutch, I recovered the Golden Sun of Horne, and lost my right hand, but had no recompense beyond surgeon's pay. [1 *sheet.*]

Annexing,

103. I. *David Young to Col. Clarke and the rest of the Commissioners on his case. His Highness referred to you my petition about the discovery of the Spanish fleet which was destroyed at Santa Cruz by Col. Blake. I attended you four months for an answer, and have been absent in the west of England 2 months, during which time you called for me. Pray remember me.* [½ *page.*]

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1657? **104.** List of the Admiralty Commissioners, viz. :—

Maj.-Gen. John Lambert.
Lord Montague, general at sea.
Lord Wm. Sydenham.
Lord John Desborow, general at sea.
Lord Phil. Jones.
Gen. George Monk.
Gen. Rob. Blake.
Col. John Clerke.
Maj.-Gen. Thos. Kelsey.
Edw. Hopkins, Esq.
Col. Edw. Salmon.
Major Rob. Beake.

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105. Information and petition of Jonas Palmer, late carpenter of the Adventure :—

(1.) John Best, the commander, corresponds with persons disaffected to his Highness and the government, and on 20 May 1656, received a book given him by the Harrisons of Scarborough, entitled "A letter from a friend out of the country to a Christian brother," in which are these words :—"You know him whom some call the Protector, and what shifts he hath made ; but now he hath made so many that his cloak has grown too threadbare, that he hath nothing to cover him."

The captain, after long concealing the pamphlet, gave it the gunner to read, that the officers might concur in it.

(2.) Best says that the war against the Spaniards is unlawful and unjust, and that new-made lords do not care for the loss of 2,000 or 3,000 men, so as they can get honour, and money into their purses ; that he laid down his command at the beginning of his Highness's government, and would not have troubled the service had he not lost his estate.

(3.) On 30 June last, being at Scarborough, he came on board drunk, brought the gunner of the castle with him, and put him, and the lieutenant who was sent for him, into the bilboes.

(4.) He charged 6*l.* for convoying a Scotch vessel from Tynemouth bar to the Bass island.

(5.) Being in the Hope, he took on board several hogsheads of tobacco for Leith, and the vessel coming on shore on Barnett's Sands off Cathy, to lighten her he staved the State's beer, and preserved the tobacco.

I discover these things not through malice, though Best has procured my dismissal, but as bound thereto by the articles of war. I beg restoration to my place, in which I have served 9 years, lost a leg, and had several wounds, or a warrant for me and my steward to enter one of the State's yards, having a wife and 4 small children. [1 *page.*]

106. Note by Palmer of the portion of the above relating to the Protector ; adding that Capt. Best said, in reference to the Spanish war, that we had enough of our own to look to, and should not try to get other Princes' countries from them ; that the late King lost his head for trying to raise a little ship money, but now the country lies under 10 times harder taxation, so that they can hardly live.

That he associates most with those who are enemies to his Highness, and rails against him in all companies. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

107. Charge by Capt. John Best and 3 others against Jonas Palmer of lying, stealing, and drunkenness. 9 articles. [1 *page.*]

108. Petition of the inhabitants of Alkar township to Rich. Sadler, the Protector's auditor for co. Lancaster. We, and most of the town are undone by reason of the extraordinary overtopping and drowning floods, which have lately, as is well known, drowned our

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cattle, hay, and corn, and the water that should have run into the sea is now washing down our houses. We are but tenants under Viscount Molineux, and none of us agreed with any one for this year. We cannot pay any rent, and can hardly keep ourselves, and we believe that the estates will shortly be part of the sea, and though our friends are helping us, we shall be impoverished for ever. We beg therefore that no composition may be demanded from us this year, and if Providence restores our tenements, we will freely pay what is legally imposed. 11 signatures. [*Copy.* 1 *page.*]

109. Petition of Rich. Baker, for himself and the merchants and traders of England, to the Admiralty Commissioners. We have lost 1,800 ships and their ladings, almost to our ruin, and the overthrow of thousands of families, chiefly caused by the subjects of this Commonwealth, who have gone to the enemy, taken up commissions, and assisted them like parricides, and among them none more active than the Carews, who have become powerful for mischief and piracy; and now that you have Mich. Carew in your possession, you are urged to set him at liberty, that English prisoners may be freed by their friends' demands. We beg you will not set the wolf at liberty, that your poor sheep and lambs may be devoured.

I, Baker, offer to give bond that if you liberate Augustine Sans, prisoner in Chelsea College, he will obtain the release of Lancelot Stepney, and as many English as are at Ostend, we setting free as many Spanish captives. Also to give bond that all the English prisoners of war at St. Sebastians and Passage shall be freed, for such subjects of the King of Spain in Chelsea College as I shall name. I do it to prevent the underhand practices used to free Carew, and the prejudice that may ensue thereby. [1 *sheet.*]

110. Petition of Rich. Baker to the Admiralty Commissioners, for release of And. Davalos Sambrana, a youth taken at Jamaica, and now prisoner in Chelsea College. Has never since the war with Spain desired any prisoner's release in lieu of many English taken with him, but has freed at his own charge not only them, but many more English taken prisoners by the Spaniards. [½ *page.*]

111. Petition of Antonio de Heredia, Barnardo Salcedo, Josepho Dyas, and Francisco de Salinas, prisoners in Chelsea College, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Have been in durance 1½ years in much misery and want, and have written to Flanders, where the Admiralty Judges have appointed release of Hen. Caudell, Rich. Wells, Wm. Barrett, and another prisoner at Gravelines, who was to come to negotiate their liberty, but he fell sick. Beg an order for their enlargement, when the others will be enlarged. [⅔ *page.*]

112. Petition of Thos. Lawrence, Deputy Mayor, the Aldermen, and others of Colchester, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Divers small Ostenders have for several weeks infested the entrance to our harbour, and taken several vessels passing to and from London and on fishing affairs, to the ruin of divers families, and of the trade with London. We beg you to employ 2 nimble ketches to ply betwixt Harwich and the west of Kent.

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As these private vessels are small and well piloted, the employing of some Wivenhoe vessels will be an effectual means to keep this coast clear, for they know the passages amongst the sands. 20 signatures. [1 *page.*]

113. Petition of Edm. Cole, master of the Prosperous of Colchester, and Geo. Buckeham of the Roebuck of Ipswich, and their companies, being 8 men, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Coming from Newcastle last September, we were surprised and taken by Peter Duerwella of Ostend, who carried us onto his vessel, put some of his men into ours, and ordered them to Flushing. He would have taken us all prisoners to Ostend, had we not promised on oath to procure the release of 8 Ostend prisoners at Plymouth, and 2 at Edinburgh. On this we were carried into Flushing, where one of our vessels had arrived, but the other was lost by negligence of the men. There we saw 8 English prizes, which had been brought in by Ostenders. Having been obliged to take this oath, we beg the release of the men. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

113. I. *List of the Ostenders in Plymouth and Edinburgh, whom they promised to try to get released.* [1 *page.*]

114. Petition of Julius Billers, mayor, Wm. Purdy, recorder, several aldermen and ministers, and numerous inhabitants of Coventry, to the Protector. We have long been subject to great fluctuations of government, and the enemy has had many advantages. After long wandering in darkness, we have, by your Highness's ducture, found a safe path to walk in, and a way to escape from the snares laid for us. Yet we fear our unthankfulness and murmurings under your government have encouraged the enemy to endanger the blessed fruit gained by so much blood spilled in the late commotion. As the powers of hell are at work, we think it our duty to you, as our supreme magistrate, confirmed by Parliament, to protest against the barbarity of those who would again roll the kingdom in blood, and violate their duties to God and you, and we hold ourselves bound to stand by you against old or new enemies.

We beg you to perfect our settlement, curb profaneness and ungodliness, discriminating Christian liberty from damnable error, and providing for the nation's future, so that you may perfect God's work. With very numerous signatures. [11 *sheets.*]

115. Petition of John Miller, Thos. Hopkins, and other inhabitants of Crockerne Pill, co. Somerset, to the justices of peace for the county. It has been ordered in a late suit in the Court of Exchequer, by the city of Bristol against the petitioners, that their houses standing on the river should be pulled down, to the utter undoing of themselves and families of 50 persons, and they understand the sheriff of the county has a writ to that effect. Beg some course to prevent this, as they are chiefly poor mariners and shipwrights, with no wages to procure other habitations, but must perish under hedges, unless assisted. [1 *page.*]

116. Petition of Sir Hen. Croke, clerk of the Pipe, to the Treasury Commissioners. From the time of Stephen to Hen. III.,

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all rents and debts due to the Crown were charged in the annual Exchequer roll. In 54 Hen. III., on proposal by the Treasurer and Barons, it was agreed that all farms, great and little, and all determined and known debts should be written on the said rolls. In 10 Edw. I., all farms for which rents are paid to the Exchequer, and all clear debts, are to be therein written.

This course has never been altered, though somewhat violated since the annexation of the augmentation revenue to the Court of Exchequer.

The revenue for recusancy, since its first rise, and all seizures for Crown debts and reserved rents have been charged in these rolls, and thence scheduled, viz., the convictions to the remembrancers, for process to be made, and the seizures to the auditors, to ensure payments, and all discharges are entered in the great roll.

Hearing that you,—in the first clause of your order of reformation, wherein all other officers of the court are restored to their just rights,—have declared that all rents reserved on leases of lands of delinquents and recusants as others (except outlawries and extents for debt) should be in charge before the auditors, I beg to represent that this would differ greatly from the ancient course, be repugnant to the Act for Recusancy, and destructive to my office. I beg that the said rents may be entered in the great roll, and scheduled forth thence, and given in charge by the auditors to the receivers general of counties. [1½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

116. 1. "*Forma scribendi Magni Rotuli, in libro rubeo Scaccarii,*" *being an extract from the patent of* 54 *Hen. III.* [*Latin,* 1 *page.*]

117. Petition of Hum. Dewell, merchant of London, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Manuel de Arauxo, Melhor Deabreo, and Jos. Deviera, young students of the Canary Islands, lately coming for England, and intending to depart without doing the least prejudice, were before their arrival seized, and their goods taken from them, and are now imprisoned at Plymouth, and have been much tortured by burning of match between their fingers, though their friends and relations have always been well-affected to England, and have dealt with divers persons in London, and though the English have free access and courteous entertainment in the Canaries. Begs that they may be at liberty to come to London, and engages to find security for their appearing and faithfulness. [¾ *page.*]

118. Petition of Thos. Hall, Joshua Woolnough, and Sarah Ward, widow, to the Admiralty Commissioners. We have delivered into the Ordnance Office gunners' stores for furnishing the last summer's fleet and other provisions, since 30 Sept., expecting the same rates as we had in summer until we made a new contract; but the Ordnance Office can only allow us the same price for provisions received since 30 Sept., without your order, which we beg, to enable us to fulfil our contracts for supply of the ships in their present expedition. With note that only new contract prices can be allowed for what was delivered since 30 Sept. [1 *page.*]

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119. Petition of Chas. Hatsell, gunner of the Paragon, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I am committed to custody for an information of miscarriage. I was gunner of the Advice on the coast of Scotland, when Dundee surrendered to Parliament, and took care of divers shot sent on board from the town, which did not suit the guns on the ship, and they remained there 3 years. When I was removed to the Paragon, I requested Major Bourne, Navy Commissioner, to take charge of my remains of stores, and was ordered to put them on a prize ship at Harwich, which I did, leaving a man in charge till a gunner was appointed. When the prize was hailed on shore, the shot was taken out and put into a boat, to be delivered at the Ordnance stores in the Tower, by Hen. Porrage, to whom I gave a note for the Ordnance officers, but never received a penny from him. I beg to be set at liberty, having been engaged 8 years in desperate and hazardous undertakings since the first troubles. [1 *page.*]

120. Petition of Edw. Hodge, who has come from Ostend as solicitor for Geo. Toughe, Dan. Polson, and Alex. Bell, shipmasters, and 21 private seamen, prisoners at Ostend, to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider their sad condition, and that of their wives and families at home, and order their release and exchange by freeing as many Dunkirk and Ostend prisoners in England. [1 *page.*]

121. Petition of Edw. Hodges to the Admiralty Commissioners, for release of Evan Harvoy, seaman of Ostend, from Chelsea College, and Olaus Dunbar, pilot, prisoner in Plymouth, in exchange for Rob. Michell, master's mate, prisoner at Dunkirk, and Wm. Reynolds at Ostend, both taken 24 March last, and kept miserable prisoners to their insulting enemies ever since. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

122. Petition of Capt. John Jeffries, of the Nantwich, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have served in the wars against the Dutch and Spaniards. Mine was the first ship sent to discover the enemy in the design against Santa Cruz, and I did good service in the engagement. At the surprisal of the Spanish galleons at Cadiz in Sept. 1656, I was in Sir Rich. Stayner's squadron, and engaged a galleon; the enemy signalled for a parley, and I sent my pinnace aboard. They desired quarter for their lives, and brought several parcels of gold and silver to my men, and more was seized on deck. I bought several of these parcels given to my company, till the surprisal by me and others of the Dutch ship Fame, value 200*l.*, when, on false information to Vice-Admiral Bourne, I was sent for on board his ship, my ship searched, and gold, value 1,400*l.* taken, all which I bought, except 3 pieces given me by Spanish passengers on the Fame. I beg restoration of the gold, and removal of my suspension from my command. [1 *sheet.*]

123. Petition of Philemon Pownoll, late commander of the ship Wildman in the service, for his uncle, Ezekiel Pownoll, rector of Wraxall, co. Somerset, to the Protector. Ten years ago, part of my uncle's rectory was seized on pretence of delinquency but never sequestered, for want of proof. Dr. Gorge then, by sinister means, gained a presentation to the rectory, and on arbitration was awarded it, paying my uncle 60*l.* a year, which of late he refuses to

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pay. A sequestration agent of the County Commissioners now collects the arrears of the rectory, and my uncle was summoned to Colchester, 30 miles off, before the Commissioners, some related to Dr. Gorge; but being 100 years old he cannot travel, and now the case is to be heard at Wraxall. I beg my uncle may have justice. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

123. 1. *Full details of the above case, from* 1645 *to* 1656. [1¾ *pages.*]

124. Petition of Abel Richardson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I made saltpetre for the State during the late wars. Some of the powder delivered into the stores by Mr. Molins and me was not so good as expected on a second proof. I was not faulty, Mr. Jarvis managing the powder work, and I not permitted to meddle with it; but I had the making of saltpetre for London and Middlesex, which I discharged so well that there was no complaint during my commission.

Wishing to serve the State, I took a lease, of which 3 years remain, of Cashalton Powder Mills, in partnership, but am unjustly kept from them, and therefore I am erecting mills within 4 miles of London. I beg to have the making of gunpowder for the State. [1 *page.*]

125. Petition of the same to the like effect. [1 *page.*]

126. Petition of Rob. Ripley, alderman, and Chris. Richardson, citizen of Hull, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Lionel, son of Rich. Ripley, aged 16, and Rob. Goodheire, nephew of Richardson, aged 15, served on the Bonadventure of Hull, which in a voyage to Holland, was taken 22 May last by the Dunkirk and Ostend fleet, and the crew have suffered very hard imprisonment at Dunkirk. Notwithstanding the general exchange, the 2 boys are kept on pretence of being merchants. Beg that some way may be ordered for their speedy release. [1 *page.*]

127. Petition of the inhabitants of Rochester, Chatham St. Margaret's, and Stroud to the Admiralty Commissioners. We were ordered to take into our houses a great number of seamen from the Sound, &c., ill with the spotted fever, and keep them till they recovered, and were promised recompense. We lost many friends and relations by the disease, which grew very violent, through the multitude of diseased seamen forced upon us. There has been 415*l.* due to us for 2 years past; we have not received a penny, and most of us are very poor. We beg payment. [1 *page.*]

128. Petition of Diego Romaso, prisoner in Chelsea College, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Going as a passenger in the Jacob of Amsterdam, from Cadiz to the Canaries, to sail thence for the Indies for a livelihood, the ship was taken by the English, and I made prisoner; I have so remained 3 months. I am more than 60, weakly and sickly, and I beg release on parole to procure the release of an Englishman of my quality, or a shipmaster at Ostend; I have procured a London merchant to be security in 40*l.* for my so doing. [3 *pages.*]

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129. Petition of Chas. Yew, Wm. Hebb, and Emanuel Tambay, a Christian negro, late master and merchants of the Negro Merchant, bound for Guinea and Barbadoes, to the Admiralty Commissioners. We were taken 14 months ago at the Land's End by 2 Biscay men-of-war, commissioned by the titular King of Scots and Spaniards, and were carried to St. Sebastian's, where we have lain in prison under much hardship till 30 days since, when Yew and Hebb were released on parole, to procure in exchange Capt. Michael de Londeris and another prisoner in Plymouth, but Tambay is detained "under very hard usage, endeavouring to pervert him to the Roman religion." We beg discharge of 2 prisoners in lieu of ourselves and Tambay. [¾ *page.*]

130. Petition of Jane, wife of Capt. Rich. York, prisoner at the Groyne in Spain, to the Admiralty Commissioners. My husband has twice been taken prisoner by the Spaniard; first last June 12 months, as captain of the James, after a hot dispute, losing all his goods and merchandise; then 9 Sept. last, in the Thomas and Susan bound for Virginia, after a manful fight, the Spaniard having 162 men and he 15.

I have 2 children dependent, and there is a good opportunity to exchange my husband for Capt. Bernardo Gerraldowne, of the Lady Mary of St. Sebastian's, who has been 9 months prisoner in Chelsea College. I hope you will permit this, as I have no other means for my husband's release. [1 *page.*]

Notes of petitions referred to the Committee for Petitions, on which no Council orders are given, all in *I.* 93, viz.:—

Sarah Rascow, administratrix of her brother, John Norris, that the Worcester House Commissioners may state his accounts, and that she may have the benefit of the order of 3 July 1656. Her brother was captain of horse in England, and had arrears stated by the Cheshire Committee, but he went to Ireland in 1649 as chaplain to Col. Moore's regiment, and died at Dublin. [*No.* 22.]

John Aynsworth for some place of employment, being the only son of Mr. Aynsworth, driven from Holland in the late wars with the Dutch. [*No.* 24.]

John Wray, husbandman, for leave to come into England, having been in the late insurrection. Major-Gen. Lilburne certifies that he is not so dangerous but he may be permitted on security. Laid aside. [*No.* 31.]

John Hubbard, that his son, a prisoner in the Gatehouse, may be delivered to his custody, or removed to Bury, or any other prison. [*No.* 40.]

Lady Phillips, for the orphans of Capt. Wm. Parsons. By order of Parliament a weekly pension of 10*l.* was allowed to the captain till 1,748*l.* 15*s.* was paid, which was received till June 1654, when the Treasury was altered. Begs arrears and continuance of the pension. [*No.* 41.]

Elizabeth, widow of Capt. Edw. Foley. Her husband served well, and raised a troop at his own charge under Lord Brooks.

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Several arrears were stated as due to him by the Committee for Accounts, by order of the Army Committee, 15 Oct. 1649, but he did not know of the time limited for bringing them in, and so did not get them bonded. Begs that the Trustees for sale of King's lands may be authorised to accept duplicates of the debentures, and give bonds for them as they have for his service since the new model. [*No.* 44.]

Mayor and burgesses of Hartlepool, for a brief for a collection towards building up their pier. [*No.* 51.]

Erasmus Saunders, for a patent for weighing loads and trusses of hay and straw in London and Westminster; that for 21 years granted to — Lanneere is expired, and complaint is made of abuses, because no one is appointed to take care thereof. Noted, a patent granted already. [*No.* 53.]

Thos. Weld and Sam. Hamond, ministers, and other inhabitants of Gateshead. The town is oppressed by 24 of the inhabitants, who assume without right a power to govern the rest, make bye-laws, oppress them with taxes, elect officers of like spirit, and hinder the work of reformation. Beg that these known opposers of godliness may no longer be suffered, but that the godly persons in a list annexed may be empowered to act. Also that the charter for trade now in agitation may be settled in hands recommended by justices of peace adjoining, and aldermen and ministers of Newcastle and Gateshead, who know the inhabitants. [*No.* 54.]

Wm. Prideaux. Chris. Uccalls of Genoa, captain of a ship of 300 tons, intends to lade valuable merchandise there for the West Indies, and employ the proceeds in coin and bullion, indigo, hides, and cochineal, which he will bring to London, sell them, and relade for Genoa; this will be a great benefit to the Customs, and no small detriment to the Spaniard. Begs a pass or safe conduct for him, in case he meets with his Highness's ships, or puts into any of his Highness's ports in America, so that he may be received as a friend and ally. [*No.* 60.]

Anne, widow of Capt. Hughes, for a gratuity, and the rest of the arrears due to her husband, who, by his Highness's command, was captain-comptroller to Gen. Venables, and an engineer, leaving 5 children; 76*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* has been deducted though she has paid several sums on bills of exchange for victuals, &c., received by him for the said expedition. [*No.* 63.]

Thos. Smith, Navy Commissioner, for a Privy Seal for payment, out of concealments to be discovered by him, of 13,000*l.* which the State owes him, as appears by certificate from the Commissioners of Accounts at Worcester House. [*No.* 64.]

Ferdinando Hespell. His ship, the Adventure of London, coming from the Canaries, was taken by Dunkirkers and sold; he had 30 pipes of wine in her which he has repurchased, and been forced to convey to Zealand for security. Begs leave to bring them in, paying the duties. [*No.* 69.]

Jas. Taudin, pewterer, for redress. Was driven out of his own country for being a friend to Parliament, and has been spoiled

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of his goods by the Pewterers' Company. With certificates from the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, who could not compose the difference; from the Committee for preservation of Customs, and from the Attorney and Solicitor-General, that the proceedings have been irregular, oppressive, and illegal. [*No.* 70.]

Jeffry Burwell, Esq. For payment of his salary of 20*l.* a year, with 50*l.* arrears, for his office of estreator of all the fines and amerciaments out of that court (*sic*) into the Exchequer. The Treasury Commissioners see no cause why it should not be paid. [*No.* 71.]

Geo. Middleton and Somerford Oldfield. Were imprisoned with Chris. Guy and 3 servants, and their estates seized; they were released by his Highness's order, but the servants, not being mentioned, continue still in prison. Beg their release. [*No.* 74.]

Names of 486 persons who presented petitions, which were referred to the Committee for Petitions, but of which no abstract nor report is given. [*I.* 93, *Nos.* 75–560.]

131. [Fragment of a speech made at Queen's College, Oxford.]

Like father like son, he was like a tower of stone, and fell heavy on the upper commoners, against whom his envy was, and he intended only to break up the frost that he might find a way to abuse the gentlemen.

3. He and his conspirator deserve the Tower, that being a traitor's castle, in that they had a plot to put off an old jest on their auditors as an extempore one; if extempore, how written down? A second conspirator deserves worse than the Tower, for intending, *deceptio visûs*, in taking away the candle. Mr. Dean, when his candle is out, though he is slandered to have been out in his own prayers, will find the way to your backside, and make you glad, if not to turn your coat, to turn your back, putting you to your prayers, and asking Mr. L. forgiveness in calling on his name in extremity. Now they talk of schools, you say he was of St. Paul's; so I thought, for all that come thence may be called φᾶυλος, in English, fools. We have 3 in Queen's, but one is a rose between two nettles.

I dedicate this to the gentlemen, to make them amends for being the secondary cause of their abuse in revenging them of their enemy, as it is the greatest service I can do them. *Quæ vilia sunt communiora sunt.* This is manifest in that the lower are the more commoners; and now the frost will be frozen into perpetual silence. I hear you intended to hire a copy of my speech, and to print it; I would rather you would give me money not to have it printed, for what concerns particular persons may redound to my private inconvenience. If I have deserved it, let me be only the college, not an University laughing stock. [*Scrap, closely written.*]

132. Fragment of a Latin exercise, corrected [by Williamson].

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1657 ? Careby. **133.** J. Hatcher to Williamson. An obscure letter, much blended with cypher, relating to Don Quixote, Sancho Panza and Dulcinea, Herman and Dorothea, Richard, the Knight of Malta, &c., seemingly a blind to conceal the following, written in ink slightly different, which reads downwards, but yet falls in with the sense read in the ordinary way. "Never was Don Quixote more affrighted at the noise of the" "fuller's mills than I was at the receipt of your letter. I found it in my father's hands, opened, and he reading of it; knowing it came from Oxford, and that you presently much suspected it was some discourse of 158" "impossible he should not. Well, but to return to our business: how does your own p9sk2?" "I am sure he understood somewhat of Richard the groom's be quiet, as it was so plain written." "I could never yet have the happiness either to f2262, or to 4cc5p3; such has been my misfortune hitherto, but now I know I must do one, if not both." [1 *page.*]

Renewal of a lease from Phillipa Thomason, spinster, daughter of Wm. Thomason, late of Pevensey, co. Sussex, deceased, to Robert Phelps, apothecary, of London, of a messuage on the north side of Fleet-street, in the suburbs of the city of London, for 29 years, rent 22*l.* Granted for his rebuilding the house after its being destroyed by fire. [*Parchment, not signed, Interregnum, Box* 3, *No.* 3.]

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Weekly accounts of the receipts and payments of the Commissioners of Customs, 5 Jan.–24 Aug. 1657. [33 *sheets.*]

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1657–8. Jan. $\frac{1}{11}$. Percy Church to [Sec. Nicholas]. Lady Herbert's husband [Lord Keeper Sir Edw. Herbert] had a very sudden end; contrary to the opinion of physicians and surgeons, his wound gangrened, and he lost his speech. He made signs for pen and ink, and wrote to Dr. Frazer to give him some cordial to regain his speech for an hour or two, but in vain; for before the doctor, Dean Cosin, or any other friend could get to him, he died, and was buried at the Huguenots'

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place, Fauxbourg St. Germains. I am glad the Duke of York went with the King to Ghent, for report says that he was ill of an ague. [*Extract. Flanders correspondence.*]

Jan. 1. The London, Downs. **1.** Sir Richard Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. I distributed the provisions from Dover amongst the ships, as also some out of the Speaker. According to an order from his Highness, I sent the Half Moon to Mardike, to bring back the 5 companies of Col. Gibbon's regiment. The difference being ended on board the Portland, I will send her to sea to cruise with the rest of the ships off Beachy, but must keep in the Newberry and Essex, they having little victuals.

The Foresight in Margate Road has seized 5 very suspicious persons from Holland; I have directed her to prosecute her orders on that station 5 days longer. Capt. Horne lives at the Roebuck in Limehouse. I will observe your directions as to commanders remaining too long in harbour; not only the Bramble has lain in Dover Pier 10 days, but Capt. Streat is never 8 days out of Dover; both I and Mr. White have told those Commanders of it, but to no purpose. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 1. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **2.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. If there be not more dispatch given to answering applications for a speedy supply of provisions, too many of the squadron will be absent to fetch what they need, and thus weaken the guard on the coast. I require a supply of clothes, many men being sick for want of them. Particulars of the condition and wants of ships. I need some more ships to strengthen the guard; 20 altogether upon the coast would be too few to continue the two guards at Dunkirk Road and the Splinter, and to provide scouts while any are absent victualling. The enemy, seeing how few we are, are tallowing their ships, which I expect is in order to their getting out next spring tide. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Jan. 2. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **3.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. Particulars of receipt and expenditure of provisions on board the several ships, as also of their remains and wants. I will give the respective pursers notice to transmit proper accounts; the mistakes formerly made arose from their trusting to others while ill. There are 5 frigates in Dunkirk port, of from 6 to 40 guns, which have been newly tallowed, and are getting up their yards and topmasts, by which it is supposed they intend to sail in a few days, and I have not a frigate, nor any in Dunkirk Road fit to prevent them coming out, save my own, and 2 or 3 others, that are scattered in various places.

My ship and 2 others here are foul; there are 4 in Mardike at half allowance, and one before Gravelines. This is all on the coast of Flanders, and one has to be sent over to Calais almost daily. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Jan. 2. Approval by the Protector of an order of 24 December last. [*I.* 78, *p.* 386.]

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Jan. 3. The London, Downs. **4.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Reserve has arrived, with 26 sail under convoy from the Canaries, Malaga, Bordeaux. I have directed him to touch within the Isle of Wight for such vessels as are bound along the coast, in his way to Plymouth. I have sent up the Hawk ketch as high as the Tower, with Hen. Finch, related to Lord Finch, Jas. Shirley, Albertus Twing, Jno. Wainwright, and Geo. Kempt, who were seized as suspicious persons on coming from Flushing; I have given notice thereof to Secretary Thurloe.

Capt. Groves of the Pembroke, meeting with a small frigate of 3 guns that came out of Flushing with the Parrot and another, to lie off Guernsey and Jersey, chased her on shore near Seine Head, but only saved 2 of her guns. One of his men who killed another by accident, while engaged in the business, has been put on board this ship, with 3 witnesses; so I shall set the Judge-Advocate to work thereon, as desired by Lord Montague.

All goes well at Flanders. Capt. Ashford of the Hawk ketch and another small vessel are much needed, to lie between the Swinn and Orfordness and Yarmouth. Stations of ships. [1¾ *pages.*]

Jan. 3. The London, Downs. **5.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. I hear from Capt. Sparling that he is in great want of provisions; also that 5 frigates with a fire-ship are expected to come out of Dunkirk in a few days, one having 40 guns, and that he has little force with him; having been formerly directed by his Highness, in case of such an event, to send more ships, I have victualled the Pembroke out of the Speaker, and ordered her to go over to him, and will send others as soon as possible. [1 *page.*]

Jan. $\frac{4}{14}$. Caen. T. Mompesson to [Sec. Nicholas]. The news from England is that Cromwell has summoned the members that are to sit in the new conventicle, which are not called lords as yet, but only the other House. They may not take their new honours till Cromwell has assumed the title of King, which it is believed in England will soon be done. The good news of Reynolds and his fellow rebels being drowned is confirmed on all hands. Some say Lord Falconbridge is to be sent in his stead. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

Jan. 5. **6.** Petition of Claus Williams, master of the Morning Star, to the Protector and Council, for an order to the Commissioners of Customs that his vessel may export its cargo of tobacco and Spanish wines duty free. As she was returning from abroad to Holland, an English man-of-war seized and brought her into Milford Haven, and thence to London, to the great damage of her cargo. By order of the Commissioners of the Prize Office, grounded on a decree of the Admiralty Court, she was to be delivered to him. [1 *page.*]

Annexing,

6. I. *Order by the Prize Commissioners alluded to.* 6 *November* 1657. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 5. Reference thereon to the Admiralty Judges, to certify. [*I.* 78, *p.* 388.]

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Jan. 5. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Peter Pulle and Company, owners of the Nicholas of Amsterdam, referred to Desborow, Strickland, Sydenham, Mr. Comptroller, Fiennes, and Fleetwood, to learn the truth, and report.

3. The Committee on Money business to consider how the arrears of assessment in London may best be brought in, and consult with the Lord Mayor and others if advisable.

4. A declaration for a collection for relief of several Protestant churches now in exile in Silesia read, amended, agreed to, and to be presented to his Highness. Approved 29 January.

5. The Committee on the Piedmontese Protestants to publish a narrative of the sufferings of the exiled churches in Silesia, together with the order for a collection.

6. The report on the petition of Thos. Salmon and other creditors of Rich. Burt [*see* 31 *Dec.* 1657] that Burt was shipping away goods to defraud his creditors—that on search thereof at Gravesend by the searchers, 501 pairs of silk stockings, and 120 pairs of silk tops were found, for which no custom was paid, and so they were forfeited and seized, the search being made on some intimation from the petitioners, and after they had an order from the Commissioners of Bankrupts to bring up all the goods laden by Burt; that the petitioners are like to be great losers, and that they employ many poor; that the searchers will deliver up the goods if they be discharged from further prosecution in the Exchequer, and that the Commissioners of Customs should consider of a moderate gratuity to be paid the searchers — agreed to. Approved 19 January. *Annexing,*

7. *Report alluded to, by Desborow and Jones.* 5 *January* 1657–8. [1 *page.*]

7. I. *Report by the Customs' Commissioners of their proceedings in the case, and the finding the silk stockings, &c.* 4 *January* 1657–8. [1½ *pages.*]

8. Order on reading a letter of 30 Dec. from the Council in Ireland, that the Irish Committee consider how what is still due on his Highness's letters patent of Jan. 1654–5 to forces there may best be paid out of sequestration money, &c., and consult with the Treasury Commissioners.

9. **8.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order immediate payment of 14 days' pay to the Treasurer of Ely House and Savoy Hospital, for the soldiers and pensioners there.

11. Wm. Reeve to go to Flanders in place of Peter Vanderslaught, to whom a pass was granted 26 Nov., to solicit Hen. Crisp's liberty. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 386–389.]

Jan. $\frac{6}{16}$. Saumur. **9.** J. Poictevin to Williamson. During your journey, not knowing your address, I could not thank you for what you left me on going away, when I was absent, for which I am greatly obliged. I wish I could see you to show my gratitude. My aunt salutes you. [1 *page, French.*]

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Jan. 7. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on report of the Committee on arrears of Assessment in London, that the deputies of the wards in the City summon their collectors of assessment arrears, and require them to complete their collections, and if any refuse to pay, report their names by January 15.

2. Mr. Tolgrave to be public preacher at Houghton Chapel, co. Notts, and the augmentation of 50*l.* granted to the former minister there to be paid to him. Approved 29 January.

3. Order on report on the petition of the Committee for Soldiers' Accounts [*see* 17 *Dec.* 1657] with consent of the officers concerned, that they be allowed a poundage of 4*d.*, to be paid by those whose accounts they state and certify. Approved 29 January.

10. *Report alluded to, advising that the Committee receive for their past arrears half of any discovery to be made by them, and a poundage of* 6*d. from those on whose accounts they certify, or for which debentures are given.* [1 *page.*]

4. Order on reading an affidavit by Thos. Pepiat of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, co. Middlesex, yeoman, that he delivered to John Rusden and Edw. Jennings respectively copies of the order of 8 Dec., which they have not obeyed,—that the two be summoned this day week to account for the said contempt.

5. To recommend the Trustees for maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 20*l.* on the minister of Colney and Bowthorpe, co. Norfolk. Approved 29 January.

6. Order on Fleetwood's report from the Committee on furnishing the field forces with fire and candles, that each company in field service have the pay of one private for fire and candles, and one private be abated out of each company. Approved 29 January.

7. On Fleetwood's report that it is needful to add 1½ bags of coals daily to the allowance of 3*s.* a day to each regiment, viz., 2 of horse and 1 of foot, advised 13 Oct., for fire and candle for the guards in the Mews ;—order for 14*d.* a day additional.

His Highness present.

8. Order on report from the Committee on the difference about the French church in London, that the same Committee consult with Counsel learned, both of common and civil law, how the difference may be put into a legal way of proceeding on the charter granted to the church or otherwise, and report.

9. The former augmentation of 46*l.* to the minister of St. Ives, co. Hunts, to be increased so as to raise the salary of the present minister, John Wells, to 100*l.* This in addition to 50*l.* ordered from Mr. Audley's estate in St. Ives. Approved in person.

12. Frost to pay 50*l.* to the messengers from the distressed Protestant churches in Poland.

13. On report from the Committee on the petition of the Muscovy Company Adventurers for whale fishing in Greenland,—that they complain of loss by the infringement of their right to a monopoly of the whale fishing, that they have examined the charters granted, and that in 1645, when the Company complained of the same, it

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was allowed that certain fishermen of Yarmouth should fish for 3 years at any port save at Bell Sound and Horn Sound, which were exclusively reserved to the company, and that the Committee consider the trade of great concernment to the State:—Order that his Highness be advised to encourage the carrying on of that trade by the company alone, and forbid others to fish or hinder the company, especially in Bell Sound and Horn Sound. Also to order the generals of the fleet to protect and encourage them and none others, and the company to employ English subjects on their vessels. *Annexing,*

11, 11. I. *Report alluded to* 14 *Dec.* 1657. *With shorthand notes thereof.* [2 *papers.*]

11. II. *List of* 21 *harbours in Greenland, with their degrees of latitude, from* 76½–80. 14 *December* 1657. [⅔ *page.*]

14. Approval by the Protector of orders 18–31 Dec. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 390–395.]

Jan. $\frac{7}{17}$. Whitehall. Marmaduke Needham to Wm. Swift. Lady Howard was brought to bed of a 7 months' child, on which Lord Howard, formerly Col. Howard, put her away. His younger brother, Phil. Howard, challenged for this Lord Belasyse, uncle to Lord Falconbridge, out of his bed, and ran him through the hand in a duel, but the seconds parted them before they proceeded further. Lord Howard is gone over to Scotland to find Lord Rothes, the other suspected person, but his Highness having sent a post after him, it is hoped the duel there will be prevented.

Mr. Secretary has been ill but is mending. Council has ordered a collection for the Polish exiles of the reformed religion who have taken sanctuary in Silesia, which will be managed like the other collections for Piedmont.

Geo. Downing went hence on Saturday, but is detained by winds at Gravesend. He will find enough to do as resident in Holland, for the Hollanders are brewing great designs, and equipping a fleet to assist Portugal, and will also see that the Dane does not lose the Sound; they will give him money and 4 or 5 regiments of old soldiers.

All our talk is concerning the other house, as 20 Jan. is approaching, and what name shall be given it, as also what will be the issue of this next meeting. Popular chat bespeaks a King, because they would have it so.

P.S.—Some say Lords Warwick, Manchester, Wharton, and others are not inclined to sit. [⅔ *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

Jan. $\frac{8}{18}$. Hague. Lord Culpepper to [Sec. Nicholas]. Congratulate the Lord Chancellor on his place; the King has chosen well, he is the fittest person to sit when the King is restored to his right, and for the present service in getting thither. Wise princes favour those who manage their greatest affairs.

I have hope of a good rise for the King's recovery from a rupture with these States, on the insolencies which the English (when they have set up that new sun) will put upon them;

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for if there be a break, it will not be in jest, as the last scuffling was, and it would be great odds on the King's side for the affections of his subjects to be powerfully seconded by sea and land from these States.

Cromwell intends nothing but the title of a King, and he will quickly have it. Sir Rob. Stewart writes him that 5,000 of the English-Scotch army,—the best men Cromwell has,—are ready to go to England to prevent opposition. I hear that the King is to meet his sister near Breda, on Spanish ground. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

Jan. $\frac{8}{18}$. [Percy Church to Sec. Nicholas]. The Marquess of Ormond's employment for Germany is not much approved. Mr. Allington, second brother to Lord Allington, bred in France and Italy, has gone there. Sir Wm. Layton, with Col. Fleetwood's regiment, was forced by foul weather into the north of England. Lord Falconbridge's embassy is confirmed, but he much presses to be first made Lord President of the North. His brother-in-law [Rob.] Rich. is far gone in a consumption.

Many persons are daily secured in city and country. The French and other ministers, with some of their congregations, were made prisoners on Christmas Day, but afterwards released. Some think Lord Fairfax will be questioned about the last plot, when Sir John Wagstaffe was in the West. If Cromwell begins his Parliament with a sacrifice of the blood of the apprehended priests, it will add to his former great crimes, but neither add to his ends at home nor his glory abroad. Sir John Berkley and Sir Marm. Langdale are made lords. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

Jan. $\frac{9}{19}$. **12.** Copy taken on behalf of Lodovic Stuart, Lord Aubigny, from the original at Aubigny, in presence of the Procurator Fiscal and his clerk, of the grant by Charles VII., in Feb. 1427, to John Stuart, Earl of Evreux, Lord Darnley and d'Aubigny, and Constable of the Scottish army in France, of leave to quarter the arms of France, 3 fleurs de lis, or, in a field, azure, in recompense of signal services against the English enemies, who hold the greater part of the King's dominions, and also on account of his descent from the Royal House of Scotland. [3½ *pages.*]

Jan. 9. The Lyme, Leghorn Road. **13.** Capt. Jno. Stoakes to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have gained the port after much difficulty, having had very foul weather. As my 4th-rate frigates are in want of necessaries, I beg a speedy supply. Understanding that the Tunis and Tripoli men-of-war were out, I sent the Fairfax and several other ships, under Capt. Whetstone, to intercept them ; I will proceed myself with the rest in a day or two to Tunis, to make peace with them if possible, and if not, to do them what damage I can. [1 *page.*]

Jan. $\frac{10}{20}$. Frankfort. Prince Rupert to Sec. Nicholas, Bruges. Sir —— Windham writes to my servant, Valentine Pyne, conjuring him to come with all possible speed to the King. I owe my person and any of mine to his service, but represent to him that it would be a great obligation if Pyne could stay with me till there be some great business in

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hand. Meantime he can study things in these parts fit to use for a good design. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Jan. 11. **14.** [The visitors of Oxford University to Lord Rich. Cromwell, Chancellor]. The above order and injunction was sent by us, and delivered in a meeting of the warden and fellows, so that they had sufficient notice.

We have power to make such orders by the statutes of the House, and the practice of local visitors, beside the power entrusted to us by his Highness as extraordinary visitors.

The election was so illegal as to be wholly null without utter overthrow of the power of the visitors, no resignations having been made according to order. Therefore we leave it to you whether the petitioners have any just cause of complaint. [¾ *page.*] *Prefixing,*

14. I. *Orders for avoiding corruptions in the resignations in All Souls' College:—*

1. *No vacancy to be supplied till the year following, unless the resignation has been given in to the Warden by* 29 *Sept. preceding.*

2. *The Warden to publish it to the society within* 3 *days after.*

3. *Any fellow chosen by money to be deprived of his place as perjured, on sufficient proof.*

4. *Every probationer to take oath that he has neither directly nor indirectly promised money or money's worth for his election.*

5. *Every elector to take oath not to vote for any whom he believes to have offered money for the place.*

6. *Every man elected to take oath that at his resignation he will not sell his place.*

7. *The present fellows to take this oath within* 3 *weeks, on pain of suspension.*

8. *Any person not uncapable to be admitted to stand as candidate, on giving in his name* 3 *weeks before the election.*

9. *When the names of the candidates are known, the Warden and officers to examine into any probability of corruption, and acquaint the electors.*

10. *These orders to be registered in the Statute book of the college, and the Warden strictly required to put them in execution, and to give an account to the visitors of the University how they are observed.* 25 *April* 1657. [2¼ *pages; see* 24 *November* 1657.]

Jan. 13. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **15.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I perceive by your letters that you are aware of the defects in victualling the ships, but not of the cause, and I cannot tell you, being ignorant of the quantities shipped, or from whence they came, and having no bills of lading to direct me, I could only account for what were received.

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I am troubled at having no answer to my letter of 12 Dec. The victualling of ships one from another causes great confusion. Do not require from me an account of ships beyond my reach, but I will not neglect or refuse to receive the provisions that you send. Particulars of ships. The reason why they do not carry their full proportion of victuals is that they do not give the victualler a true account of their stowage.

P.S. The men in the squadron are very unhealthy, there being 10 in the 100 sick on board and ashore, upon which account many are daily discharged, so that there is now a great want of men also. [1½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

15. I. *Copy of his letter of* 12 *Dec.* 1657. [*See p.* 214, *supra.*]

Jan. $\frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{3}$. Caen. T. Mompesson to John Necklet, Brussels [*alias* Sec. Nicholas]. I am glad to find that the rebels in England fall foul among themselves, though we have no confirmation here of what you mention of the falling out at Council between Fleetwood, Desborow, Falconbridge, Montague, &c. It is reported that there have been great jeerings about the electing members for Parliament.

A gentleman who left London 3 weeks since, says the insolency of the soldiers is extremely increased, and grown to such a height that a gentleman scarce dares to take the wall of a foot soldier. Also he says the army begins to meddle with affairs of State, and is much bent on peace with Spain. There are rumours of a Spanish agent in England and a private treaty, but they arise from the jealousy of some Huguenots, who cannot endure that Spain should have any peace.

I fear the English fleet will be victorious at the Sound, the Dutch having sent no relief to the Dane; it is strange they should be so backward as, through English privateers with Swedish commissions, their trade is in very bad condition. I wish it may grow worse till they truly embrace our King's interest. Some think if war breaks out it will be hard for the English, the Dutch having more and better ships than when they fought last, and the English rebels having lost many of their best ships in the Jamaica design.

The trade of the West of England is almost ruined since the war with Spain, most of their vessels being taken and carried to St. Sebastian's by Spanish frigates, which wait daily about Land's End, so that a merchant vessel cannot stir, there being sometimes no convoy for 3 or 4 months. Bristol has lost 250 sail.

Richard Cromwell has kept very close in Whitehall since his being made Protector, and his fear will increase if the news be true that his brother Harry has been stabbed to death with a knife in Ireland. I hope Parliament will produce some happy change in England. [2¾ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

[Jan. 14.] **16.** Remonstrance of Fras. Thomson and other farmers of the excise of beer, ale, &c., in London and Westminster, to Council. Being induced as much by a wish to bring the revenue to a certainty as for any end of our own, we offered for the excise of beer, ale, cider, perry, and metheglin in London, Westminster, Middlesex, and Surrey,

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128,400*l.* a year, being 50,000*l* more than the average former proceeds.

We did so believing the excise improvable, when interested persons could discover the frauds of the brewers. We applied ourselves thereto, and though we have been unable to pay our full monthly rent, we have advanced the former proceeds by 47,000*l.* a year, or 33,400*l.*, beside the additional 6*d.* a barrel on strong beer. Therefore, though we are only able to pay 123,400*l.* instead of the 128,400*l.* agreed on, we hope we shall be considered as having done a good service.

If we were assisted by law against the brewers' frauds, we should not only pay our full rent, but gain much for ourselves. But the brewers, being irritated by finding their former avenues to fraud closed, combine against us to try to compel us to throw up our farm. This they do—

1. By finding out new ways of concealment.

2. By maintaining suits at law against us out of a common purse.

3. By withholding the duty in their hands till the utmost extremity be used.

4. By replacing goods taken in judgments against them.

5. By abstaining from brewing for a season by turns, to bring the receipts low, and so cause our estates and those of our sureties to be seized for non-payment of rent.

We cannot use our estates or credit to raise our rent, being clogged with recognizances in 40,000*l.*; we are above 18,000*l.* out of purse. We beg either a Privy Seal for a tally for the next rent in lieu of 10,700*l.* advanced, or dispensation from the monthly payments, and acceptance of what comes in weekly, we clearing the total of the quarter's rent at the end of the quarter. Signed Fr. Thomson, Esa. Risby, Ste. Kirk, Ri. Best, J. Baker. [1⅔ *sheets.*]

Jan. 14. Reference thereon to Desborow, the Comptroller, Sydenham, Wolsley, Strickland, Montague, Lord Rich. Cromwell, Fleetwood, Mulgrave, and Skippon, to report. [*J.* 78, *p.* 399.]

Jan. 14. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The account and papers of Arthur Evelyn, Edw. Jennings, and John Rusden, for demolishing Wallingford Castle, referred to the former Committee on Mich. Molins' petition.

2. Order on a paper from Clem. Kinnersley for provision to be made for the other house of Parliament and rooms adjacent;—that 6 small rooms want hangings (of which he has none), and the whole house wants furnishing with woolpacks, forms, andirons, chairs and carpets, of which an estimate is given,—that Frost pay Kinnersley 200*l.* on account, and he is to furnish the house and rooms as cheaply as he can, hang the 6 rooms with baize striped stuff, and give accounts.

3. On a report from the Treasury Commissioners, on an order of 6 March 1655–6 to prepare a warrant to pay 1,018*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* arrears to Thos. Coke, remembrancer of the Exchequer—representing

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that by a certificate from the auditor of Exchequer, it appears that the fees have been usually paid at the Exchequer, and there is no reason why they should not so continue; and that some time having elapsed since preparing the bill, other arrears are due:—Order that a new bill be prepared for the 1,018*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* and the further fees and allowances due. *Annexing,*

17. *Report alluded to.* 12 *June* 1657. [¾ *page.*]

4. On report from the Treasury Commissioners, on petition of Jeffry Burwell, clerk of the warrants and estreats of Common Bench, —that they find that Thomas, late Earl of Suffolk, and Sir Fulke Greville, Treasurer, and Chancellor and Under-Treasurer of the Exchequer, reciting a decree made 8 Eliz., allowing 10*l.* a year additional to the 10*l.* formerly given to the clerk of estreats, it was decreed 13 James that the then clerk of estreats should have 10*l.* yearly, as had been paid from the time of Hen. VI.; that petitioners were instituted 12 Charles, and had the said allowance till September 1651; that the estreats in the Exchequer, in Easter Term 1656, were 6,250*l.*, so that there is no reason why the fee with arrears should not be continued to him;—order to advise a warrant for payment of the said fee to Burwell, with arrears.

5. Order on a report in the case of Sir Hen. Croke and the Exchequer officers [*see* 10 *December* 1657] for a warrant for payment of their respective fees, as prefixed, with arrears since 24 June 1654. *Annexing,*

18. *List by Sir Wm. Roberts of the said fees, being* 47*l.* 4*s.* 2*d. to Croke,* 40*l. to the foreign apposer, &c.* 10 *April* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

9. Order on report of the Committee appointed by Council on 29 April 1656, to consider the petition of the Committee for taking Accounts, granting them each 600*l.* out of ⅓ of the moneys brought in upon accounts taken by them. *Annexing,*

19. *Report alluded to, recapitulating an order of the Committee for petitions of* 10 *February* 1652–3 [*see Calendar under that date*], *and adding that the Committee have continued on service from* 11 *October* 1652 *to* 11 *October* 1656, *and are still on service.*

That by an order in Council of 1 *July* 1653, *Nath. Stirrop and Lieut.-Col. Geo. Crompton, their treasurers, were ordered to pay them* 100*l. each, and on* 25 *August* 1654 100*l. more, which they have received.*

That beside this, 600*l. each should be allowed them for their* 7 *years' service, and paid from the moneys brought in upon accounts taken by them.* [2 *pages, signed by Lord Deputy Chas. Fleetwood, and Fras. Rous.*]

19. I. *Copy of the above.* [2 *pages.*]

10. **20.** The Ordnance officers at the Tower to deliver to the regiments of foot in and about London as much powder as Lord Fleetwood shall from time to time order, not exceeding 1½ barrels a week to each regiment for the next 4 months. Approved 29 Jan.

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11. Order on petition of Anne Goldsburgh, widow, to whom, as administrator of her husband, who was the late King's servant, 174*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.* is due, as certified by the Trustees for sale of the late King's goods, but by taking out letters of administration to entitle her to payment, she has had to pay several debts of her husband's, and she has 9 small children—that out of the 2nd half of the 9,717*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* payable from Scotch fines for the late King's creditors, she be paid the whole or part, according to just proportion with other creditors.

12. The petition of Peter Samways, minister, with papers and certificates, referred to Mr. Comptroller, Fleetwood, Desborow, Montague, Skippon, to learn the cause of his ejection, and report.

13. On report from the Admiralty judges that Chevalier de Lemois St. Just, Knight of St. John of Jerusalem, having built a vessel at Ostend against the Turks, called the Anne, engaged Nicholos de Miller, a Fleming, resident at Middleburg, as his lieutenant, to sail to Newhaven and Malta, who furnished St. Just with 6,000 guilders for victualling and furnishing the ship, in which he was to have a proportionate interest, as also in any other profits arising therefrom; that the Anne had a safe pass from Council to Malta, but was nevertheless seized off the French coast by State's ships, and brought to Dover, but by judgment in the Admiralty Court, all was ordered to be restored, save the interest therein belonging to Lieut. Miller, a native of Flanders, viz., 5,500 guilders, which is now prayed, and good security given that St. Just will abide by the final decision of the Court;—order that as St. Just had a pass, the said interest be no longer detained from Miller, and the security be discharged. Approved 29 January.

14. Whereas on 24 October last, a letter was ordered to Col. Norton, to show how money might be raised on Aliceholt Forest to pay Fras. Thompson's disbursements on lands near the forest which he purchased;—order that the matter be left to a trial at law.

15. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, on expiration of the lease of Isleworth, co. Middlesex, to settle on Mr. Rolles, present minister there, an augmentation of 30*l.* Approved 29 January.

16. Sydenham, Skippon, Wolsley, and Strickland to consider what was moved to-day concerning Mr. Stretham, and how to settle the maintenance of the minister there.

17. The Attorney-General, Serjeant-at-arms, Solicitor-General, and Dr. Walker to advise how John Sparrow, Rich. Blackwall, and Hum. Blake, appointed by Act of Parliament, 17 April 1649, as prize goods' collectors, may best be brought to account for all that has passed through their hands.

18. The petition of Capt. Thos. Garnet referred to Fleetwood, Montague, Strickland, Mr. Comptroller, Lord R. Cromwell, and Desborow, to report.

20. **21.** To recommend the Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a fit ship to transport Lord Lichfield and suite to France.

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Jan. 14. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

21. The account of Thos. Simons, graver of the Mint, for seals, medals, badges, silver boxes for treaties, presses for seals, &c., having been presented, and returned to the clerks of Council to know if it was reasonable, when they reported that they were unable to judge, but Sir John Barkstead considered it so, the total being 1,728*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*, of which 700*l.* has been paid—order to advise a warrant to pay the balance.

22. To add persons named to the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers and Schoolmasters in co. York :—

14	gentlemen,	West riding	- - -	14 ministers.
16	„	East „	- - -	11 „
8	„	North „	- - -	10 „

Approved same day.

23. Also 2 in co. Westmoreland, 1 co. Notts, and 3 co. Dorset. Approved 29 January.

24. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 14 January. [*I.* 78, *p.* 396–407.]

Jan. 15. **22.** W. Jessop to Rob. Blackborne. Council not sitting, Gens. Desborow and Montague and Sir Chas. Wolsley have been moved for delivery of the badges of his Highness's watermen, and they think they should be delivered. With receipt by Rich. Nutt from Blackborne of 58 badges, and 116 letters for 29 watermen named. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Jan. 15. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **23.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Convert has arrived with the provisions out of the Portland, which I have distributed between the Dartmouth and Assistance. Most of the ships in the Road and the Splinter are scarcely fit for a guard to keep the enemy in as intended, we having so many absent, and some having been out 23 months are very foul, and want victuals, clothes, and other necessaries, which has caused much sickness and death, and many men have been discharged on that account. The Cornelius and Truelove are gone to Dover to tallow and revictual, and the Assistance ought to do the same, as she is looked upon as a mere cipher. [1⅓ *pages.*]

Jan. ⅕. Saumur. **24.** M. Le Febvre or Tanaquil Faber to Williamson. I send by the Saumur messenger a Phedrus for you, and 3 books and a letter to M. de la Menardière, reader of the King's chamber, which please to deliver. I will send you catalogues soon. [1 *page, French.*]

Jan. ⅕. Percy Church to [Sec. Nicholas]. The honours given and to be given at your Court do not please at the Palais Royal, being too general. It is said that besides Hyde, Langdale, and Berkley, you, Mr. Crofts, Lieut.-Gen. Middleton, M. Schomberg, and Mr. Windham are to be made lords.

I am glad the King is visiting his sister, for it will assure the world of the Royal family's unity, and advantage the King's affairs. What becomes of the Imperial diet, and of Prince Rupert in point of employment, and what gentlemen or secretary attend Lord Ormond?

If the Dane is worsted for want of good soldiers, it will be

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through refusing to entertain many excellent officers of our master's subjects. *Col. Tuke* talks of going for England, but some believe that *if he moves, it will be towards the Duke of York or Breda; he has often been so advised by Sir J. Berkley with assurance* that though *he be not presently admitted into the secretary's place, yet all its profits shall be made good to him.*

Great preparation is making in Westminster Hall for the first meeting of Parliament of the other House, and for an army of 12,000 foot and 4,000 horse to be sent in March to Flanders under Lord Falconbridge, with Monk as Lieutenant-general, to be independent of the French. Maj.-Gen. Montgomery arrived here 2 days ago, ill satisfied with that Court. [*Extracts, Flanders correspondence. The italics are cyphers decyphered.*]

Jan. 15/25. Hague. Wm. Barton to the King. I fear my zeal in your cause has been represented through a dim glass. My Lord Chancellor says you wish me to come to Bruges, to satisfy you on the subject of my address of 1 Jan., but I showed you that this was not possible. I embarked in the same bottom with you 5 years ago, and have shown ready obedience, and could perform all I offered had I money and clothes. I cannot better my miserable condition. If your affairs require my attendance, I beg your instructions whether to do this, or to exercise my invention here, and so ease you of the charge of myself and children. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Jan. 16/26. Brussels. Sir Rich. Grenvile to the King at Bruges. On my late petition, you said I might be admitted to your presence, so I expected at once my liberty, and a summons to wait on you, and to refer to you the difference between Hen. Howard and myself—but first to be set at liberty, with reparation for dishonour and damage—and so to give you a full account of the business. I who have left a fortune, and lost fortune, blood, and time for your interests, could not stand refractory to your pleasure. I and my predecessors have served the Crown of England faithfully for 600 years, and I desire so to end my days. But my unparalleled wrongs are rather more likely to give me a miserable end here than to put me forward in your service.

I had bought a house and settled in Friesland, but on your order to join you in France, I sold it at great loss. In France, being settled to wait in your service, I spent large sums. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Jan. 16/26. Paris. [Ambassador Lockhart] to Visct. Falconbridge. As my late silence to my Lord Richard, though proceeding from my profound respect, may be to my disadvantage, give him the enclosed.

You bade me trouble you, and therefore I do so. Represent me to Lord Richard according to the character I gave you of him at my home near Pont Rouge, where you can bear me witness that I was real, and under no temptation of dissembling, because I made free with you.

I am glad to hear that he is interested in the army and Council. His birthright, methinks, might have exempted him from some formalities. I hope God has fitted him, and if his sheaf be not as

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Joseph's, to which all the rest bow, I shall not receive much joy from what has passed. [*Extract, French correspondence.*] *Annexing,*

1. *Ambassador Lockhart to the "most illustrious lord," Richard Cromwell. I much regret my unhappiness in being twice in England without waiting on you, but I was prevented by his Highness commanding my return to Paris, so I hope pardon, as my offence carried its punishment, in depriving me of a great happiness.*

I had before sent you condolences and congratulations for the various dispensations of your loss and recovery of your leg, had I not judged such applications more proper for an equal than for one who owes obedience and veneration to his master and prince. Therefore construe my silence into my profoundness of submission and respect.

P.S.—My wife would present her humble duty to you and my lady, if it would not be too much presumption. [1 *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

Jan. 16. **25.** Certificate by Hen. Cornish, prebend of Christ Church, and Rob. Harris, president of Trinity College, Oxford, in favour of the learning, ability, and piety of Edw. Reynolds, M.A., fellow of Magdalen, and of his fitness for the ministry. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 17. The London, Downs. **26.** Sir Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Commissioners. I sent up the Eaglet ketch for provisions, which has returned with nearly all the proportion for 200 men for 6 months, which I will distribute amongst the ships in the Downs and at Mardike; but as most of them are nearly out, the whole will not last above 3 weeks. The man who shot another on board the Pembroke has been acquitted, there being no proof that he did it, but he is imprisoned for neglect of duty. 20 sail of North Sea fishermen desire a convoy, or they will have to dispose of their vessels. I hear the Spaniards are preparing a fleet for sea, but that it goes on very slowly for want of money. Several ships in the Downs want ballast, but they can obtain none either at Dover or Deal, for want of money to pay the men for their work. Particulars of ships. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 18. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Major-Gen. Thos. Morgan, Governor of Mardike. His Highness has communicated to Council yours of 15th instant, and has ordered immediate despatch to Mardike of a month's victuals, beer excepted, and they are considering effectual means for your supply in future. His Highness has also appointed Capt. Johnson, and is sending him out as storekeeper to assist you in this matter, and act under your direction, and you are to see that the provisions are managed to the best advantage of the State. [*I.* 78, *p.* 845.]

Jan. 18. **27.** Account by the Navy Commissioners of the charge of naval affairs, from 25 March 1657 to 1 Feb. next; total, 674,234*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.* With note by Ri. Hutchinson that he has received from the Exchequer 543,535*l.* 17*s.* 11½*d.*, and other sums on loans or by sale of ships, &c., raising the receipts to 580,994*l.* 0*s.* 8¼*d.* [3 *pages.*]

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Jan. $\frac{18}{28}$. Whitehall. Viscount Falconbridge to [Amb. Lockhart]. Parliament not being yet met, I cannot conjecture what course so great and sometimes unruly a body will steer, but shall soon be able to form a judgment of things. Before spring overtakes us, I believe you will be made successor to Sir John R[eynolds], and then his Highness's deliberation therein will abundantly be made up in the advantage of his choice. My dame and I rejoice in your lady's recovery. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

[Jan. 19.] **28.** Petition of Peter Witham, minister, M.A., of Sydney College, Cambridge, to the Protector. Being presented by the Commissioners of the Great Seal to the rectory of John the Baptist, London, upon the death of the last incumbent, and free choice of the people there, and being examined by the Commissioners, I had my instrument of admission obstructed, on an order from his Highness not to admit any sequestered person.

I was sequestered 9 years ago for a passage in a prayer, but both before and since, was for the Parliament, and suffered much formerly by Bishop Wren. I beg that this offence may be passed over, being destitute of a livelihood. With reference to Privy Council, 2 Jan. 1657–8. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 19. Reference thereon in Council to Caryll, Nye, Manton, and Cooper, to certify to his fitness for liberty of preaching. [*I.* 78, *p.* 411.]

[Jan. 19.] **29.** Petition of Bart. Hall, late Attorney-General of the Duchy of Lancaster, to the Protector. There is 122*l.* due to him as Attorney for 1652 and 1653, whilst the Duchy Court continued, and 32*l.* as deputy steward of East Greenwich Manor, for 3 years. Begs a Privy Seal for payment of 154*l.* With reference to Privy Council, 12 December 1657. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 19. Reference thereon by Council to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 412.]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. The representations and desires of several merchants trading to Eastland, Norway, and Sweden, referred to the Committee on the petition of Merchants trading to Greenland, to report.

2. The petition of Maurice Thompson, Wm. Thompson, Alderman Jas. Bridgeman, John Jeffrey, Thos. Coleclough, Rob. Lewellin, Hum. Beane, and Constant Silvester, merchants, referred to Lisle, Strickland, Mr. Comptroller, Desborow, and Lord R. Cromwell, to report.

3. To assign the rooms over the Council Chamber to Mr. Scobell, give him possession, and order his present rooms in Whitehall to be applied for the use of the Greencloth, as formerly.

4. The letter to the Council of Scotland on the petition of Lady Crawford and Lindsey read, amended, and agreed to. [*See* 24 *Dec.* 1657, *p.* 230, *supra.*]

5. The order of 14 Jan. for payment to the members of the Committee of Accounts of 600*l.* each from $\frac{1}{3}$ of all sums brought in on

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accounts taken by them to be altered, and they allowed ½ such sums, till the said 600*l.* each is paid them.

6. Lisle, Fleetwood, Strickland, Mr. Comptroller, Desborow, Montague, and Sydenham to speak with the Committee for Accounts, and learn what they have done for the advantage of the State since they have been intrusted with that business.

7. Order on a letter to Mr. Secretary from Mardike from Maj.-Gen. Thos. Morgan of Jan. 5, shewing that Col. White contracted with Hen. Thompson, storekeeper, for provisions value 668*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, and gave him a bill of exchange on Frost, which bill was lost at sea when Col. White was cast away, but the particulars remain in an account quoted :—that Frost pay the money.

8. The letter from Maj.-Gen. Morgan at Mardike of Jan. 15 referred to Sydenham, Fleetwood, Mr. Secretary, Desborow, Lisle, Strickland, Mulgrave, and Skippon, to whom other Mardike matters were referred.

9. To send a month's provisions at once to Mardike, and the same Committee to consider how they may be sent and paid for, and also Jessop's account of moneys sent him to pay Reynolds' forces, and to report.

10. Mr. Trapham's paper of particulars of physic sent to Dr. French at Mardike referred to the Committee on Maj.-Gen. Morgan's letter, to report.

11. The Commissioners for maimed navy soldiers to take special care of those sent from Mardike, and to send down to the several ports accordingly.

12. The Privy Seal for 1,028*l.* to Thos. Simons, graver of the Mint, to be paid free.

15. The Admiralty Commissioners to order 14 days' pay immediately to the Ely House and Savoy Hospital Treasurers.

16. The report from the Committee on the petition of Thos. Smith and other part owners of the chains laid in the Thames, referred back to them, to see whether the grant may be passed without prejudice to others, and report ; Lord R. Cromwell, Mulgrave, Fleetwood, Lisle, Strickland, Skippon, Desborow, Sydenham, and Montague added to the Committee.

17, 18. The order passed of 20 Oct., relative to the union of Calverton and Woodborough, co. Notts, presented by Lord Fleetwood with amendments, and passed.

19. The Army Committee to assign on the arrears of assessments appointed to be reassessed in London 2 months' pay to Fleetwood's 5 City companies of foot lately quartered in Yarmouth and Hull, and now ordered up to London, that they may have equal pay with the others. Approved 29 January.

20. To add Capt. Wm. Thornhill to the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers in co. Berks. Approved.

His Highness present.

21.* Approval of the order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers for uniting Whinborough and Garveston parishes,

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co. Norfolk, Garveston to be the meeting place 2 Sundays in 3, and Whinborough the 3rd Sunday, the presentation to alternate between the 2 patrons.

22.* Approval of a like order that Petersfield chapelry, the sheet [? sheep] tithing in Buriton, co. Hants, and 10 houses in Marstead and Weston be divided from Buriton parish, and made a distinct parish, the rector to be presented by the patron of Buriton rectory and to have the profits of the minister of Petersfield, and that chapel to be the meeting place, but not to impeach the settlement on Dr. Peter Wentworth, present minister of Buriton. Repeal 18 Feb. Approved by the Protector 6 March [*p.* 448].

23.* Approval of a like order for dividing Sutton St. James', from Sutton St. Mary's parish, in Holland, co. Lincoln, the vicar to be presented in the same manner as the curate of the chapelry was, and to have the tithes of the chapelry; but to pay 40*s.* a year to John Morden, vicar of Sutton, during his life. Repeal 18 Feb. Approved by the Protector 6 March [*p.* 445].

24.* Like order for dividing Sutton St. Edmund's from Sutton, St. Mary's, with like provisoes. Repeal 18 Feb. Approved by the Protector 6 March [*p.* 445].

25.* Approval of the following augmentations ordered by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Grendon, Northampton - - -	50	0	0
New Buckenham, Norfolk (additional) -	10	0	0
Great Bockham, Surrey - - -	20	0	0
Monk's Kirby, Warwick - - -	20	0	0
Boughton-under-Bleane, Kent - -	30	0	0

26.* To settle on the minister of Felstead, co. Essex, a town of many families but small profits, an augmentation of 60*l.* which the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers are to pay to Nath. Raven, present minister.

27.* To settle an augmentation of 60*l.* on the minister of Braintry, co. Essex, a great market town with small profits, which the said Trustees are to pay to John Argor, present minister.

28.* **30.** Order on report from the Committee on how to send 2 months' provisions to Mardike, that the Admiralty Commissioners order one month's victuals, all but beer, for 1,000 men, to be issued out of the navy stores to Maj.-Gen. Morgan for Mardike, and use all possible speed and diligence therein.

29.* Capt. Dan. Johnson, storekeeper for Mardike, to prepare to go at once thither with the provisions.

30.* To write to the Governor of Mardike what provisions are coming, and that he must manage the stores to the best advantage.

31. Lisle, Strickland, and Mr. Comptroller to go with Mr. Moreland to-day or Thursday to M. de Bordeaux, French Ambassador, to treat for bringing to a certainty the payments for the State's forces

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sent to Mardike, and also about the proposal of the Admiralty Commissioners for their future supply.

33. To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 40*l.* on the minister of Preston and Sutton, co. Dorset.

34. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders, 31 Dec.—5 Jan. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 408–419.]

Jan. $\frac{1}{2}\frac{9}{9}$. Saumur. **31.** Dr. Tanaquil Faber or Le Fevre to Williamson. My wife, who was ill, is better. I will send you the catalogue you ask for. If you knew a thousandth part of my troubles, you would pity me; I have hardly any hope left. I have received most gladly the commentaries of Budœus; my friends never sent me a book that pleased me more. I know not the price. Will you be ashamed of me if I trouble you to pay for it? But I cannot receive it willingly unless you would allow me to be free from that debt. You will have received a letter from M. de la Menardierè in which is something about this. [1 *page, Latin.*]

Jan. 20. The Lyme, Leghorn Road. **32.** Capt. Jno. Stoakes to the Admiralty Commissioners. I gave an account of my arrival at Leghorn with 6 frigates, of sending Capt. Whetstone in the Fairfax with 3 more to ply between Zante and Malta for security of trade, and of his want of sails and cables. I have now only 14 weeks' victuals at whole allowance throughout the fleet, but I intend lengthening it by putting the mariners to short allowance, and getting what I can in those parts. If you send more victuals, it will be best done on a clean frigate or two, which may be continued in the room of some unfit to remain abroad. If wind and weather had permitted, I intended ere this to have been at Tunis, endeavouring a peace with those people, which shall not be neglected. Capt. Whetstone has taken a Fleming, bound for Valencia, with corn on Spanish account. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 21. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **33.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. A fishing sloop employed in carrying victuals to the Dartmouth has been cast away by foul weather, but her men were saved, although several are sick and not likely to live, through the cold they took walking all night on the sand in their wet clothes; and many not put to the like extremity have fallen ill. It is the sickliest time at sea I ever knew. If I am to continue on the coast, I shall want provisions, firing, and necessary money, as it is tedious and unprofitable taking from ship to ship. The booms have been all broken to pieces by the violence of the sea. [1 *page.*]

[Jan. 23.] **34.** Petition of the University of Oxford to the Protector. We bless God who has raised you up to advance the Government and learning. The profession of civil law is one of the most eminent parts of learning for which this University is famous; there has been a professor allowed to train the students, the libraries are plentifully furnished with law books, and the students are bound to take degrees therein.

This profession is in high esteem throughout Europe, and is of great use in reference to equity, commerce, navigation, and trade,

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the laws of honour and arms, embassies, treaties, wars, reprisals, &c., and qualified persons in London were always ready to give their advice in such affairs.

For this and their knowledge in ecclesiastical causes they only were admitted to con-usance and practice in causes of marriage, tithes, dilapidations, proving of wills, and other matters to which the common law courts make no pretence. We therefore beg that you and the two Houses of Parliament will establish courts of judicature for causes of these natures, employing therein persons qualified in judicature, as most of the cases will require skill in law, and sometimes appeals to special judges delegate.

Thus if our desire take effect, those who have studied law may subsist with comfort, and our younger students be encouraged to enable themselves the same way. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

34. I. *List of the colleges of Oxford, with the titles of their respective heads.* [*Scrap.*]

Jan. 23. Oxford. **35.** Dr. John Conant, vice-chancellor, to Lord Rich. Cromwell, chancellor of Oxford. The University in Convocation having presented a petition to the Protector on behalf of the Professor of Civil Law, we hope that you will promote and encourage a part of learning so useful to this nation. I am requested to commend the petition to you for presentation, and have taken the boldness to send it you. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

35. I. [*Lord Rich. Cromwell*] *to Lord Lenthall. A petition has been presented me from Oxford University, of which I am chancellor, in favour of the professors of civil law and law of nations, and also a bill for keeping up the old laws, customs, and statutes in cases which were formerly in ecclesiastical courts, and without which there would be a failure of justice. This bill is considered by persons of learning fit to be begun in our House, and you are thought a fit person to present it. I therefore beg you to present it to the House, and press that it may be accepted and committed. It will be well taken at your hands and seconded. Whitehall,* 12 *February* 1657–8. [2 *Drafts,* ⅔ *pages each.*]

[Jan. 23.] **36.** Petition of Hen. Scobell to Parliament. Being called in a time of danger and difficulty to be clerk of Parliament, obeyed readily and faithfully, and did his utmost to serve to the time that the House was interrupted. Also at the meeting again of Parliament, attended to perform the like service to those "whom the Lord, by a stupendous and wonderfully over-ruling hand of Providence, had again restored." But finding a worthier man is chosen, he submits, being very sorry if, in the intervening changes (wherein he has been merely passive, and taken no oath to any of them), he has merited their displeasure, and begs their pardon.

During the last 2 years he has spent 250*l.* on the Tower where the records are kept, and the house, which was in danger of falling, and

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his salary is in arrear. Begs payment, and in whatever station he is, will always be faithful to Parliament. [1¼ *pages; see Commons' Journals, Vol. VII., p.* 581.]

Jan. 23. / Feb. 2. Bruges. The King to Capt. Rob. Homes. The setting out of a fleet of ships is very important to our service, as well for interrupting the trade of our rebels, as for a particular design in prosecution whereof we are resolved to use your service. We therefore authorize you to buy or hire any ships equipped for service, and to take in partners, giving you leave to acquaint 2 or 3 such with our particular design, to compass which we suppose 6 good frigates will suffice. We will receive no duties from any prizes which you or your partners take, only you will be liable to payment of tenths to Lord Admiral the Duke of York. Whatever encouragement you promise to those that join you, we will perform as far as lies in our power. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Jan. 24. / Feb. 3. Bruges. **36.** Petition of Mat. Clark, his Majesty's coachman, to the King. On the motion of the Lord Lieutenant at Paris, you promised me the keeping of your pastures of Creslow, co. Bucks, near where I was born, now held by Cornelius Holland. I beg a warrant therefor, to pass when it shall please God that you are restored. With order thereon, in favour of the grant, provided, on looking into the business, the King thinks fit to appoint a keeper; also provided that no grants thereof were made by the late King. [1 *page, copy.*]

Jan. 24. / Feb. 3. Saumur. **37.** Alex. Calander to [Williamson]. Apologies for not writing earlier. Thanks for your most kind remembrance of me and my relations. I regret the discontents that arose between us, through the distraction of my employments. Professions of affection.

It is *à la mode* here for everyone to draw impartial portaits of him or herself, body and mind. This is in imitation of M. Amirault, who has drawn M. L'Huisseau's portrait in the table of envy, in his last work. Saumur news. [4 *pages.*]

Jan. 25. / Feb. 4. Whitehall. Visct. Falconbridge to [Ambassador Lockhart]. I have often spoken of you to Lord Richard, and before yours came, I had told him of your discourses to me at Paris about him; and when I presented yours, I told him also what you had written to me, and he said there was not a person in the 3 nations whom he more esteemed, or who better deserved it than you, so no ill offices have been done you there.

The House of Commons are still a little pettish, refusing, on a message sent them from the House of Lords, to own them as such. This afternoon, by command, both Houses met his Highness in the Banqueting Hall, where he made a very pious and eloquent speech, tending to unity amongst themselves, and provision against the common enemies of this nation. Lord Lambert and Sir Art. Heselrigg appeared to-day in the Lower House, though summoned to the other, without ever waiting on his Highness to excuse it. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

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1657–8. Jan. 25. Feb. 4. Whitehall. Matt. Firbank to [W. Swift (?), attaché to Ambassador Lockhart]. I am sorry for the bad news this packet will bring you, but we must submit to God's will; our whole lives are little enough to prepare us for such a time.

At summons of his Highness, both Houses met him to-day in the Banqueting House at Whitehall, and he spake very long, exhorting them to union. If the speech be printed, you shall be sure to have it for his Excellency. I send you Lord Fiennes' speech before his Highness and both Houses. Mr. Secretary is not yet abroad again, so our business sticks on hand. [¾ *page, French correspondence.*]

Jan. 25. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **38.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. In the night of the 22nd inst., it being dark and thick weather, one of the enemy's frigates made her escape out, and went clear away, notwithstanding she was discovered and pursued by the Drake, which is the best sailing frigate we have upon the coast; nevertheless all the rest in this Road are now cleaned and fit for such service, the Assistance excepted. The frigates then here were the Cheriton, Drake, Bramble, and Cornelian, all clean. As some have heretofore pretended that their long absence for victualling was occasioned through being confined to go into the Downs for orders, by which means they have often been surprised by contrary winds and foul weather, before they could dispatch their business, I have since sent some direct from hence to Dover, as lately the Truelove and Hart pink; but whether the victualler would not victual them, or whether they thought, by observing my orders, they should have too little time in port, or what other reason I know not, but I am informed there was too little notice taken of my orders, copies of which I enclose. Capt. Smith wrote to Sir Rich. Stayner, and procured an order to tallow his ship, the truth whereof, by reason of his long absence, I am apt to credit. If this be so, it will not only render me ridiculous to all that know it, but retard the service, and has put the State to an unnecessary charge. If it be your pleasure to continue me longer on this account, let me use my own reason in those things wherein you are silent, or it is not possible for me to do such service as may rationally be expected.

Sickness and mortality much increase in this squadron, and especially in this ship; since my last, 2 have died and several others are desperately sick, both on board and at Dover, 21 in all. The pink has arrived, with a supply of provisions from Sir Richard Stayner, under conduct of the Lily, but I have not received either letter or bill of lading, so that both the quantity and quality are unknown. If you intend the Nightingale for this station, let her be sent away with all speed, as the Major-general will not suffer the Dartmouth to go out until another ship be sent in, notwithstanding she has been forced to be victualled out of other ships for many days. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

39. 1. *Same to Capt. John Smyth of the Truelove. Warrant to proceed to Dover, and apply to Mr. Wivell for as much provisions as he can stow, and return to his station before the next spring tide; in returning, he is to call upon Sir*

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Rich. Stayner in the Downs for further orders. There is no need to remain to tallow, a foul ship being as serviceable as a clean one within the Splinter, or between that and Calais, for which his pink is intended. If he wants stores, he is to apply to Mr. White, the agent at Dover, who is desired to furnish necessaries. 14 *January* 1657–8. [¾ *page.*]

39. II. *Same to Mr. Wivell, victualler at Dover. Warrant to furnish the Truelove frigate with as much provisions as she can possibly stow, and to use all haste for her quick return. Time would not admit of her calling in the Downs for an order from Sir Rich. Stayner.* 15 *January* 1657–8. [½ *page.*]

39. III. *Same to Capt. Rich. Street of the Hart, to the same effect as that to Capt. Smyth.* 18 *January* 1657–8. [¾ *page.*]

39. IV. *Same to Wivell. Like warrant for victualling the Hart pink, which is not to remain to tallow, as the service on the station to which she is appointed does not require it.* 19 *January* 1657–8. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 26. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **40.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. It was not my neglect in demanding the brass guns that caused my long silence, but because the General positively refused to deliver them before the Vice-admiral's departure from hence, of which I thought he had given you an account; nevertheless I have, since the General's death, several times acquainted him that I had orders for their transportation, and he answered that as soon as his own were on shore and mounted, and he received orders for their delivery, he should not desire to keep them; but by reason of sickness, I have not since been there, neither do I know whether he has yet received any order from his Highness or you concerning them. I have signified to him what I am commanded, and shall use my utmost endeavour to comply with your orders, but except the Major-general freely appears in the business, in commanding the horses and soldiers to get them out of the fort and down to the waterside, it will be impossible to transport them. I do not know what convenience I shall meet with, till I know whether there be any vessels within the Splinter bound for London fit for such service; however, as it is your pleasure that the Assistance shall come to clean and refit, if they are taken in her, it will be but ordering her for Deptford instead of Chatham; I confess self-interest in this, as it would be much for my conveniency, yet of no whit less advantage to the public. Let me have your directions.

Sir Richard Stayner writes me that the provisions sent by him is a proportion for 6 weeks for 200 men, but no necessary money. I have ordered one week's provisions therefrom to the Dartmouth for 110 men, and 14 days' to the Bramble for 70 men, and have taken the remainder into the Assistance; it amounts to 4 weeks for 200 men, but what is wanting of this proportion I know not, as I have never had any account of particulars, either in this or any other since I came here, and not so

much as from whence it was shipped, but am forced to take my purser's word; therefore I desire you will not hereafter require any further account of me concerning anything that may arise touching the same. The Truelove has arrived. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 27. Feb. 6. **41.** Petition of Thos. Whitmore, late cook to the Earl of Rochester, to the King. I have a note from the Earl for 90 rix-dollars, which he wishes Mr. Fox to pay me out of the moneys due to him, but Fox refusing, I and my family are ruinated. I beg the same security as given to other creditors in this town at the Earl's desire. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 27. Feb. 6. Saumur. **42.** M. de L'Erpinière to Williamson. I am sorry my letters have miscarried. I will now send through a merchant of Nantes. Get me out of that business with Mr. Robinson if you can. [*French, with an English note, signed W. Doull, of thanks for letters.* [1 *page.*]

Jan. 28. **43.** Hum. Robinson to Jos. Williamson, St. Germain's, Paris. I could not pay Mr. Norris's bill till it was accepted. I hope to see him next week at the meeting of both houses of Parliament. Let us know when you receive a bill, as letters are often intercepted. Business transactions. I will exchange your moneys at as cheap a rate as any merchant.

I will give the provost [of Queen's College, Oxford] notice that he may expect you about Easter. Transactions with M. L'Erpinière in purchase of books. Had he been at Frankfort, or anywhere out of his own country, he would have had more novelty.

Our Parliament has sat a week, and Lord Fiennes, Speaker of the Upper House, has in a large speech, after the Protector's shorter speech, magnified the happiness we enjoy by him, and the necessity for a House of Lords, for so they call themselves, which so provoked the Commons that they will scarce allow them any such title. Sir Art. Heselrigg, and others that were called by writ to the Upper House, decline to sit there, and sit with the Commons. They have had a day of humiliation in both Houses, and it is hoped this may work some better union amongst them.

All well at college, but the provost is troubled not to hear of Chris. Potts' brother, who is in Paris, and it is feared he has mortgaged his land to enjoy the delights of the City. They wish you could meet with him. If Mr. Norris has not returned, send me by him Balzac's new piece.

P.S. The provost has set forth a new chronology in Latin, by Bishop Usher, which M. L'Erpinière may like. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 28. Feb. 7. Padua. **44.** Heneage Finch, Earl of Winchelsea, to Viscount Conway. Could I forget my obligation to you, the perpetual discourse here concerning you would recall me to a true sense of your worth. There passes not a week but your health is wished in a glass of wine. My cousin and Dr. Baines ardently desire to serve you.

P.S. My service to my cousin, your lady. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 29. Approval by the Protector of 23 orders, from 17 December to 19 January 1657–8. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 419, 420.]

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Jan. 30. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Gualter Frost. The order of 19 January last, made on reading a letter from Maj.-Gen. Thos. Morgan to Sec. Thurloe, dated Mardike 5 January, and purporting that Col. White contracted with Hen. Thompson, storekeeper there, for provisions value 668*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, for which he gave him a bill on you, was delivered to Ensign Neale, to be conveyed to Mr. Puckle, merchant in Broad Street, who was to receive the money for the use of Maj. Burton, of Yarmouth, but Ensign Neale being cast away with Col. White, in coming from Mardike, the bill is lost. You are therefore to pay the said sum to Burton. [*I.* 106, *p.* 57.]

Jan. 30. The Assistance, Dunkirk Road. **45.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I sent to the Major-general concerning the brass guns, and also went to him at the fort concerning them, when he was willing to part with them, as his own were all mounted, but questioned whether the bridge would hold to get them over, on account of the frost, and thought the spring would be the best time to take them. In my opinion, the bridge may as well bear them going out as it did carrying them in, and rather now than in open weather, as it is supported on the ice, which is very thick, and the ground so hard that the wheels cannot sink into it, and they may therefore be now drawn down with less help than at other times. I think the major's cautiousness arises from want of an order to deliver them. I have ordered the Hart pink to Dover for a new mainmast. One of the men who endured such hardships on the loss of the sloop is dead, and most of the rest are very sick. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 30. / Feb. 9. Anjou. **46.** Fras. de Voyt to Williamson. Thanks for your 2 letters and your valuable gift. I much value the friendship of so learned a man. [*Latin*, ¾ *page.*]

Jan. 30. / Feb. 9. Saumur. **47.** [Tanaq. Faber] to Williamson. I send you a catalogue of books, if you wish to buy them in the fair of St. Germain. Have you received a copy of Phædrus for M. de Menardierè? I know not whether you have been paid for Budæus' Commentaries. [½ *page, Latin.*]

Jan. ? **48.** Petition of a fencing master, to the King. Heaven hears the groans of the lowest creatures, and therefore I trust that you, being a terrestrial deity, will not disdain my supplication. I left my school in Cologne, and came to Bruges to serve the princes of your house, and came daily for 5 months to give them lessons. Also for 3 months I taught your equerries, and another youth one month, beside a month's service at Cologne; and in all that time I only received 10 patacoons, as I named in my petition before you went to Breda, but such was the scarcity of money that I could not obtain payment: 34 patacoons are now due to me, and I and my family are in such trouble that, without your help, I must end my days in prison, and mine must perish of hunger, as I owe 27 livres for house rent. I entreat you to consider me. [1 *page, Italian.*]

Jan.? **49.** Dr. John Conant [vice-chancellor of Oxford], Chris. Rogers, Hen. Wilkinson, John Owen, Th. Owen, Jas. Barrow, and Fras. Howell,

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to John Maidstone, cofferer to his Highness, Whitehall. Knowing your honesty and good repute, we beg your assistance. The honourable persons to whom his Highness has referred the election of All Souls will hear it on Thursday, 11 Feb., and have required our attendance. The matter is of great importance, but the season makes travelling dangerous, and some of us are out of health. There are facts which must be proved by witnesses over whom we have no power without a summons from above, and being fellows of that college, they will not appear of their own accord. The statutes of the college, which authorize all we have done, must be brought up. Some of us much desire to wait on the referees, but we beg you to desire our noble chancellor and Lord Fiennes to postpone the hearing. If this cannot be, we beg a summons for Mr. Panton and Bond, fellows of that college, and an order to bring up the book of statutes. [2 *pages.*]

[Jan.] **50.** Report by the Committee on the non-admission of several elected fellows in All Souls' College, Oxford, addressed to the Protector. You refer to us the petition of Wm. Trumbull and Rich. Hill, mentioning the election of their 2 sons as fellows, and praying that no others may be nominated until they are fully heard.

We have heard them and the visitors of the university, and find that the visitors have power to consider the best way for the government of the university or any college, and to propose any alterations to you and Parliament; also to explain ambiguous statutes, and to determine on appeal controversies not discernible by statute.

The warden and dean, who were scrutators at the late election, certify that John Hill and Wm. Trumbull were lawfully chosen, and the vice-warden certifies that they repaired to him for admission on 14 Jan., but that he could not admit them because of an order of the visitors of 16 Nov. 1657, that as the resignations of the fellows had not been published, according to the order of former visitors to prevent corruption in selling resignations, the election is void, and they should supply the vacant places according to your directions.

The former orders of visitors alluded to are of 23 April 1657, that no vacancy or resignation shall be filled till the next year, unless the resignations have been given in between 29 Sept. and the last day of the election. That every probationer elect shall take an oath that he gave no money for his place. That each elector shall engage to nominate none whom he suspects to have made any bargain for it. That all on their elections shall swear to take no gratuity for their places, on departure or resignation.

The petitioners objected that the visitors had no power to make such orders, as being repugnant to the statutes, which order the elections to be yearly. The visitors urge that the Archbishop of Canterbury, as local visitor, has the same power as the founder, and that Archbishop Whitgift had made a similar order 60 years ago, on noting the scandal of buying and selling places, which order the warden acknowledged to have been acted upon.

Arguments on both sides thereon.

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We think on the whole matter, that the visitors, following Whitgift's example, acted from a good intention to prevent corruption, but we cannot determine whether they have in all things the power of co-founders, as the archbishop had, and whether in this case they have acted according to their powers and your Ordinance (which, being since confirmed by Parliament, is continued as a law), and therefore we must leave the matter to your judgment. [5¼ *pages.*]

Feb. 8. The Assistance, Downs.

51. Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. It is a mercy never to be forgotten that either myself or any of my company are yet living, to give you an account of what a sad accident has befallen us, by reason of so much ice as I think no man ever saw before in these parts, out of which distress and danger, though with much damage, God has delivered us.

After a long continued frost, on 31 Jan., there appeared much ice on the coast, driving to the westward, with a sharp and violent N.E. wind, by which in two days the whole sea was congealed together, at least a league from the shore, and which so increased upon us, both by the sharpness of the weather, and continual flowing in of the drift ice which came from the eastward, as that on the 15th instant, we were forced from our anchors, having but one left, and being so fast blocked up in the ice as that, notwithstanding much wind, the ships could not be commanded with all the sail we could make, but were driven away with the ice; in which drift, by reason of our greater draught of water than the rest, we were grounded on a sand joining to the west end of the Splinter, where, to prevent her being torn in pieces with the massive weight of ice which continually clove in sunder thwart and stern, its passage being forced by a quick tide, we were forced to lighten her by throwing overboard such things as could with most speed be come at.

The Bramble and Cheriton both drove over the same sand, but by reason of their smaller draught of water, did not touch; nevertheless they could not clear themselves of the ice, for I saw them both driving, since I, through God's goodness, was clear; I question not but they are both well, as there were no sands in the stream of their drift, but such as they might float over, and not touch. But for our parts, there was never any ship escaped a more imminent danger, in the view of many hundreds of our enemies, who rejoiced at that which they had little cause to question would be our utter ruin; while many of our friends, both at Mardike and within the Splinter, stood and pitied us, but were not able to afford any help.

The 29th Jan., I was at Mardike, since which there has not been one hour of such weather as would admit of my going or sending to them, or they to me, and therefore I can give no account of their condition; but I fear the fort will suddenly be in distress for want of victuals, as no relief could possibly come to them by sea since 25 Jan. The ships within the Splinter are the Nightingale, Truelove, Swallow, and Rose pink, who have been so fast frozen up as that the passage between the fort and them has been upon the ice since the 3rd instant, neither did they wind up and down all

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the neap tides; what danger may happen to them by this spring tide I know not, but I wish they may do well, there being now no other ships left upon the coast.

P.S.—On the 7th we cleared ourselves of the ice and arrived in the Downs. [1½ *pages.*]

51. I. *Note of guns, beer, ballast, &c., thrown overboard to ease and lighten the ship, and of 4 anchors and 5 cables lost or left behind.* [*Scrap.*]

Feb. 9. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on a declaration appointing an Army Committee and Receivers-general for the second 6 months' assessment of Dec. 1657—that the 6 persons named members in the order of 16 August 1657 be inserted in this order, the blanks filled, and the order passed. Approved 23 February.

2. The Committee of Council on public Money to consider fit salaries for the War-treasurers, and report.

3. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay John Blackwell and Rich. Deane, War-treasurers, 210,000*l.* for the forces, out of the said second 6 months' assessment.

4. The Committee on public money to consider how the Receivers-general of monthly assessments are to receive the money re-assessed in London for arrears in the City, and report.

5. Also to consult with the Army Committee how the regiments of the Tower and of Cols. Salmon and Biscoe, and others in arrear, may be paid up equally with the rest of the army, when the warrants for army payment are next issued, and report.

6. The petition of Wm. Burton, for himself and others who have sent goods to Mardike, referred to Desborow and Mr. Comptroller, to speak with the petitioner, and report.

7. The letter from Thos. Edmunds, dated 20 Jan., from near Winchester, referred to Mr. Secretary and Maj.-Gen. Berry, to consult what should be done.

8. **52.** The Ordnance officers to deliver to Col. Hen. Smith, Deputy-governor of Hull, 40 iron guns, cannon, demi-cannon, and culverins, for the garrison there. Approved 10 February.

9. The Treasury Commissioners to take special care to pay Frost money to enable him to pay Kinnersley 124*l.* 12*s.* 8¾*d.* due for entertainment of the Portuguese Ambassador.

10. On a certificate from Col. Wm. Webb, made on a reference of 24 Sept. last,—that on considering several unoccupied places about Paul's, he has caused the piece of ground whereon stand the ruins of the Convocation House and the adjoining cloisters to be plotted as the fittest place, being 100 feet square, located N. and E. by the main wall of the Cathedral, and W. and S. by the Convocation House wall, into both which sides adjoin the backs of houses built on Dean and Chapter's Land, purchased of the State, having only one passage at the N.E. corner out of the S. aisle of Paul's and one over the cloisters. That the Convocation House lies on a heap, roof and floor fallen down, windows broken, iron and lead embezzled, the whole building ruinous and very dangerous, and the

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waste ground spread with soft stone and rubbish ;—Order to advise a grant of the said ground to Edw. Palmer and 6 other trustees, to be used as a meeting-place for John Simpson's congregation. *Annexing,*

53. *Certificate of Wm. Webb alluded to.* 12 *November* 1657. [1 *page.*]

53. I. *Plot of the ground in question as surveyed by him.* [1 *sheet.*]

53. II. *Note of the names of the trustees proposed for the grant.* [⅓ *page.*]

11. Order that 22,625*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.*, balance of the 92,616*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.* from sequestrations and sale or composition for delinquents' estates, for arrears of the forces in Ireland, be taken off from the said funds, and charged on the moneys that shall arise by new buildings ; the Treasury Commissioners to consider how this can be made practicable, and report. *Annexing,*

54. *Report on which the above order is founded.* [1 *page.*]

54. I. *Request by W. Jessop to R. Bowes, to certify what is still due to the army in Ireland on the Great Seal of* 19 *Jan.* 1654–5, *for* 92,616*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.*; *and reply from Bowes of* 26 *Jan., and from Sam. Hartlib of* 28 *Jan.*, 1657–8, *that the sum due is* 22,625*l.* 13*s.* 9½*d., and that* 4,000*l. still remains due to Scotland on the same Great Seal.* [1 *page.*]

12. Order on certificate of Sir Miles Hobart, K.B., and several certificates and an affidavit annexed, that Henry Horedesnell have liberty to stay in England till the end of next Easter term, on his former security.

14. Order on report from the Committee for Mardike to whom the bill of medicaments sent by Thos. Trapham to Dr. French was referred, amounting to 100*l.* 3*s.* 8½*d.*, and on a letter from Maj.-Gen. Morgan and Surgeon Forster, that they are still in great want of surgical and physical medicaments,—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the bill, and 100*l.* more for what else is wanted.

15. The petition of Mary, widow of Thos. Bevan, who died in Jamaica, referred to the Committee on American affairs, to report his account for arrears.

16, 17. To consider to-morrow a letter from the Council in Scotland concerning Lord Montgomery and Lord Wemys's business.

18. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 200*l.* due to Thos. Bonner, alderman of Newcastle, which he advanced to Capt. Joppin, governor of Tynemouth Castle, for the use of the garrison, drawing a bill of exchange on Lord Strickland.

19. Order on report from the Committee on Gen. Monk's letter and papers of Dec. 5, concerning reducement in Scotland,—that 3,302*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* has been retrenched monthly, and that they approve the said retrenchment, and also the remainder of the establishment of 20,818*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* a month, with a few additions [named] to be continued from 21 Dec. 1657 ;—that it be so approved and continued, but that

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the proposal to raise the pay of the 10 troops of lifeguard to 4*s.* a day, on account of the dearness of quarters near Edinburgh, be not approved as an addition to the establishment, but be paid from army contingencies in Scotland. Approved 10 February.

His Highness present.

20. On certificate of Sir Walter Earle, John Bulkley, Thos. Grove, and John Hildesley, by virtue of his Highness's order of 26 Aug. last, referring to them the petition concerning the corporation of Wimburne Minister, co. Dorset,—order that a copy of the certificate be sent to the corporation, with order to attend Council with their charter on the first Tuesday in March.

21. Fiennes, Lisle, Mr. Comptroller, Desborow, Strickland, Wolsley, and Skippon, to peruse the said charter meantime, and consider the matter, that they may inform Council of the state thereof. Approved in person.

22. The petition and papers of Sir Ja. Hope for the Earl-marshal of Scotland, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

24. The Exchequer officers to pay the money Sir John Copplestone, sheriff of co. Devon, has disbursed for the charge of maintaining Spanish prisoners. Approved in person.

25. The charter for Norwich to be considered next Thursday, and the Committee on it, with Skippon added, to meet this afternoon.

27. On report from the Committee on the articles preferred by John Wells, minister of Tewksbury, co. Gloucester, against George Hopkins, minister of Evesham, co. Worcester, and on reading the depositions and articles, the case dismissed. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 420–9.]

Feb. 9. Declaration of the Protector and Council appointing a Committee for the army, and receivers for the second 6 months' assessment, from 25 Dec. 1657 to 24 June 1658, part of the 3 months' assessment of 35,000*l.* a month beginning 24 June 1657.

The Act of Parliament for Assessments having provided that, if the moneys cannot be levied in the appointed time, the Protector and Council may direct their levying in the same way as the former monthly assessment for the army, and as the moneys of the second 6 months' assessment cannot be paid in by the time limited, and some of it must be assigned for payment of the forces in the county where it is raised,—Order that John Clarke, Rich. Lucy, Edw. Horseman, Jas. Philips, Gervase Bennett, and John Hildesley be a Committee for the army, with all the powers granted that committee 28 Jan. 1653–4, to manage the bringing in of the second 6 months' assessment, the Treasurers-at-war, receivers and collectors, obeying their orders. Also that John Blackwell and Rich. Deane, the present Treasurers-at-war, be receivers-general for the said assessment, and the county receivers pay in the money to them, but none of the said moneys to be raised by the quartering of soldiers. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 846–7.]

Feb. 9. Particulars of retrenchments made in the forces in Scotland, 21 Dec. 1657, those which were reduced being paid up to that date; total reduction, 3,302*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* monthly. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 848–9.]

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Feb. 9. Establishment of the forces in Scotland from 21 Dec. 1657; total monthly charge, 20,818*l.* 14*s.* [*I.* 78, *pp.* 850–4.]

Feb. 9. The Assistance, Queenborough.

55. Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. As Sir Rich. Stayner could not supply me with anchors and cables in the Downs, he ordered me to go to Chatham, but there being much ice in the river, I was forced to anchor at Queenborough, but fear the ship must go into the dock, being leaky and defective. I can give no other reason for the Drake's not being able to get up to the frigate I discovered going out of Dunkirk than that the captain gave me, viz., that she had got a great advantage of him before he could get loose, and his sails set, they being so frozen that they were all in one lump, while the other had all her sails set before she was discovered, and being a dark night, she was soon out of sight. On arriving at the dock, I will apply to Commissioner Pett for orders. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 10. The Nightingale, Mardike.

56. Capt. J. Lightfoot to the Admiralty Commissioners. We came in under the Splinter the 30th ultimo, and the same day the Dartmouth sailed for the Downs, with the wind at E.N.E. and N.E., and with so much frost and snow that we were all encompassed with ice, which continued driving up and down with the tides until the 8th, when it began to abate, and is now clean gone. In the morning, the Assistance, Cheriton, and Bramble, were loose, driving in the ice in Dunkirk Road, and at night drove out by the Splinter; the Assistance we conceived was on ground most part of the night, but she drove into the Road again, and having the ice clear, it is hoped she is safe, although she has not been seen since. On the 4th and 5th all the vessels within the Splinter drove almost half way to Dunkirk, but at high water had an opportunity of returning to their former berths, except the Spy shallop, which drove within shot of Dunkirk, past hopes of recovery; but Capts. Smith and Lilburne went to her on the ice, and fired her, having a party of horse from the fort for their guard; her guns, and some other materials were hove overboard, slung, and buoyed, so this morning I have sent the other shallop with Capt. Smith's boat to weigh and bring them off.

Knowing that the frigates in Dunkirk Road must have left some cables and anchors behind, I have sent Capt. Lilburne to assist and defend the Speedwell hoy of Chatham, here being no fit vessel for the purpose in service, with my own pinnace and 20 men, to weigh what anchors they can there find. The men belonging to the remaining shallops are now on board here; if they should be continued on this ship, they request that their tickets in Capt. Sparling's hands, for the time they served there and in other ships, may be sent, if he should be called in before he returns.

Since writing the above, staying for the Major-general's packet, there came a great frigate and 3 smaller out of Dunkirk, and chased in both Capt. Lilburne and the hoy, and as the wind was at N.N.W. and an easy gale, it was not possible for any annoyance to be given them from hence, though endeavoured by the Truelove; but we could not move by reason of falling water, and the wind out; so I believe they have cut away the buoys, not being able to weigh the

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anchors, for we saw small boats go between in the Road as they turned out. I shall use what means I possibly can to recover what may be there, but believe I shall not be able to do much until a squadron comes to reside there. [1¼ *pages.*]

Feb. 10. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders in Council of 9 Feb. [*I.* 78, *p.* 430.]

Feb. 10/20. Anjou. **57.** Joannes Chetardus to Williamson. I regret the delay in the arrival of your letters because I was anxious about your health. I give you the recommendations to Menagius which you ask, but they will be of worth for your sake, not mine. When he has heard you, we shall rather need your commendations. Notices of friends. We hear that Matthews, the Jesuit, is publishing a poem entitled "Constantinus, sive religio vindicata." Give me your opinion of it when you have read it. He wrote a little book on epic poetry which raised great expectation. [1 *page, Latin and Greek.*]

Feb. 10. Gray's Inn. **58.** Thos. Lamplugh to Williamson. Must I believe thou art alive, or does thy ghost salute me with such courteous lines? We thought thou wert going to the antipodes, to set up thy pillar, and contract new alliances with old Titius and Sempronius, but as I can bid my monsieur welcome to Paris, we hope thou art still in a national league with England. Our arms are spread to embrace thee on English ground in spring. [1 *page.*]

[Feb. 11.] **59, 60.** Information of Lord Montgomery's case before Council. He is not only fined for his own estate, and has paid the first half, but also 1,400*l.* for the estate of his father, which was not forfeit, but was returned after 2 years' sequestration by the Act of Grace. During Lord Montgomery's forfeiture, no aliment was allowed out of either estate.

Since by the Act of 18 Nov. 1656, confirmed in Parliament, a fine of 40,000*l.* is to be raised from the excepted persons, and proportioned by the Council of Scotland to their estates; and since this additional fine on the father's estate was a mistake, as decided by the Council of Scotland from the judgment of able lawyers, he begs its abatement, and discharge of his own forfeiture, on paying the second half of his fine. [2 *copies.*]

[Feb. 11.] **61.** Gen. Monk to Council. To your letter of 14 Oct. 1657 [*see p.* 128, *supra*] I reply that the Council here had but a very short time for proportioning the 40,000*l.* fine on the estates of the confiscated persons in Scotland, the day for payment of the first ½ being very near when they got the order; so that in publishing for the first ½, they promised to rectify any mistakes in the second ½. His interest in the reversion of his father's estate, which was settled on him on his marriage in 1631, reserving only a life rent to his father, raised his fine 1,400*l.*; but in 1635 he bound himself not to interfere in the estates during his father's life. Thus the Earl of Eglinton had the right to dispose of the estate without his son's consent, and did so in 1655, by settling lands on the master of Montgomery, Lord Montgomery's eldest son.

But as it was urged in Council that this settlement in 1655 was made to avoid any interest the State might claim, by virtue of the

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marriage settlement, it was thought just that Montgomery's fine should be proportioned to his reversion, as well as possession. Now, however, able lawyers declare that from 1635, the Earl of Eglinton has the entire right to the estates, that Montgomery has lived peaceably under the present Government, and that the Earl of Eglinton has always assisted the more godly part of this nation. Edinburgh, 18 November 1657. [$2\frac{1}{3}$ *pages.*]

Feb. 11. Reference thereon by Council to Jones, Strickland, Mulgrave, Lisle, Fleetwood, and Desborow, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 430.]

Feb. 11. **62.** Petition of John Tanner, mayor, and 33 aldermen, burgesses, &c., of Stafford, to the Protector. Our borough has many inhabitants, being used for assizes, sessions, &c., and it has 2 churches—Mary's, which has 24*l.* a year, besides the augmentation to the lecturer, and Chad's 16*l.* a year. Knowing that you have helped other godly ministers, we beg you to recommend us to the Trustees for Ministers for 40*l.* and 30*l.* augmentation for the ministers of the said parishes. 34 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 11. Order thereon in Council that the said Trustees consider the populousness of the town, and settle on the 2 ministers such augmentations as they think fit. Approved 6 March. [*I.* 78, *p.* 431.]

Feb. 11. **63.** Petition of John Embree, surveyor-general, to the Privy Council. Since the payment of his account to 1 Dec. 1656, has spent large sums in repairs, of which 5,000*l.* is due to workmen discharged, whose importunities raise continual clamour. As the repairs from Michaelmas last are put into another course, begs the auditing and settlement of his account, and a speedy imprest of some part, to satisfy the great wants of the workmen. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 11. Order to advise a warrant for payment of 3,000*l.* on account, and for the auditors of imprest to audit the accounts to 29 September last, and certify. [*I.* 78, *p.* 434.]

Feb. 11. **64.** Petition of Rob. Blanchard, mayor, Wm. Burstall, Rich. Southwick, Rich. Barne, and Hen. Stringer, aldermen, and other inhabitants of Hedon in Holderness, co. York, to the Protector. We formerly elected 2 Parliament men; ours is the chief market town for that part of the county, and our livelihood consists in stock and trade, but by a sudden fire, we are deprived of our livelihoods and estates, and those who the night before would relieve others, and raise money for public affairs, are left to charity for a subsistence. We beg relief by a patent for a collection in such places and corporations as you think fit. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

64. I. *Wm. Strickland, J. Anlaby, Hugh Bethel, and Wm. Lister, to the Protector. There having been a sudden fire at Hedon on 5 July, from* 1 *a.m. till sunrise, at request of the Corporation, we have visited the place, and find* 42 *mansion houses burnt, and little saved from them, the loss being* 4,000*l., chiefly of artificers and tradesmen, so that assistance is much needed. Hedon,* 20 *August* 1657. [1 *page.*]

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1657–8. Feb. 11. Order thereon for a patent for collecting benevolence in cos. York, Lincoln, Lancaster, Cumberland, Westmoreland, Northumberland, and Durham. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 436, 437.]

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2. The rooms over his Highness's guard in the gallery near the Council Chamber to be vacated and prepared as lodgings for some of his Highness's gentlemen, and Mr. Embree to see to it.

3. The Jamaica Committee to consider of instructions to the Treasurer of those forces, as to the issuing of money designed for the forces, and to report.

5. Reference to the Committee for Scotland of a letter from the Council in Scotland, about the imposition on Scotch coals. *Annexing,*

65. *Gen. Geo. Monk to Lord Lawrence, President of the Council. The coal and salt owners of Scotland have earnestly applied to the Council here against the imposition of 4s. a ton on Scotch coals exported by natives, and 8s. on those exported by foreigners, as ruinous to trade, for it will make the price so high that they will not sell enough to defray $\frac{1}{20}$ of the charge of the works; and when great coal is not worked, there will not be small coal for the salt pans, and many thousands depending for work on these 2 staple commodities will be sadly ruined. The Council here therefore beg me to represent to you the state of the case. Edinburgh,* 30 *December* 1657. [1 *page.*]

6. Whereas 1,000*l.* was ordered by the Army Committee 2 Dec. 1657, for 6 weeks' pay to Sir John Barkstead's regiment in the Tower, and charged on the first 6 months of the 3 years' assessment, which fell short of the said sum by 292*l.*—order that the Army Committee see that the said 292*l.* is speedily paid.

7. **66.** The petition of Rob. Seaman, surgeon, for payment of 202*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* for quarters and other charges about 125 sick soldiers sent to Harwich from Mardike, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

8. The Admiralty Commissioners to order 28 days' pay to the Treasurers of Ely House and Savoy Hospital, to be used according to former rules.

9. The Committee on the above hospitals to bring in their report speedily.

12. To recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers an augmentation raising the stipend of the minister of Preston, co. Lancaster, because it is a populous market town, to 100*l.*, to be paid from money arising in the county.

13. Whereas a portion of the tithes of Eynsbury parish, co. Hunts, belonged to the rectory there, but are now received by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, on pretence that they were leased by the Bishop of Ely, who had no power to grant such lease, and the incumbent has received the tithes;—order that Cromwell, Mulgrave, Lisle, Strickland, and Mr. Comptroller speak with the Trustees, examine the business, and report.

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14. The petition of Deborah, distressed widow of Stephen Love, minister of Haverfordwest, South Wales, for 52*l.* due as his allowance in 1653, referred to Sir Hugh Owen, James Phillips, Sampson Lort, Rowland Gething, and Rich. Browne, Commissioners for the Propagation of the Gospel in Wales, to examine into the matter, and if it is due, pay the debt from the money left in their hands.

15. Order to advise approval of a contract by the Committee for improvement of the revenue of Customs and Excise, with Thos. Morrice and Wm. Dodson of Westminster, and John Drury of London, for a lease of the custom of tonnage and poundage, half of 1 per cent. for redemption of captives, and the excise on all native and foreign commodities in Ireland, for 7 years from the end of April next, at 70,000*l.* a year. With letter 16 Feb. to the Lord Deputy and Council in Ireland informing them thereof, and requesting their countenance to the farmers. [*I.* 78, *p.* 855.]

18. Capt. John Brockhurst added to the Committee for ejectment of scandalous Ministers for Kingston-on-Hull and the East Riding of co. York. Approved 23 March.

19. Order on report from the Admiralty judges on the petition of Claus Williams [*see* 5 *Jan.* 1657–8]—that the Morning Star was released by decree of the Court 4 November 1657, on the petition of Egbert Scott, John de Potter, and Co., subjects of Holland, with her goods as detailed—that the Customs' Commissioners suffer the goods to be exported duty free. *Annexing,*

67. *Report alluded to.* 7 *January* 1658. [1 *page.*]

20. Lord Fleetwood's report from the Committee on money affairs—that the Tower regiments and those under Cols. Salmon and Biscoe and other foot regiments in garrisons in England which are in arrear should receive a month's pay, to equalise them with Col. Guibon's regiments, and be paid from the first half of excise money on ale and beer in England, agreed to, and the Army Committee to order the Treasurers-at-war to pay it accordingly.

22. The report of the Committee for Charters, and the petition of Gab. Barber, and 3 other inhabitants of the Close, Norwich, to be heard about their rights thereto before a new charter is granted to the city, referred to Counsel learned, to report.

23. Order on a list exhibited by Rich. Sydenham, Rich. Vaughan, and Thos. Evershed, on an order of 31 December 1657, of the creditors and servants of the late King among whom they have distributed the money alleged to remain in the hands of Hum. Jones, surviving treasurer for the proceeds of the late King's goods, being part of the first ½ of 9,717*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*, part of the fines of Scotland—also on a report from the Committee of Council to whom the case was referred—that Jones pay the several sums named to 38 persons mentioned, in full or in part of their respective debts. *Annexing,*

68. *List and report above alluded to, stating the sum to be distributed at* 315*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* *Special regard has been had*

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to the tapestry men at Mortlake, who are allowed ½ *of* 145*l.* 5*s.* 10*d. Of the rest, debts under* 10*l. are to be paid in full; from* 10*l. to* 20*l.* ⅔; 20*l. to* 30*l.* ½; 30*l. to* 40*l.* ⅓; 40*l. to* 50*l.* ¼. *There are none above* 50*l., except the tapestry workers. This will include* 30 *names, and leave* 12*s.* 6*d. balance.* [3 *pages.*]

68. I. *List of* 8 *more creditors or servants, with the sums to be paid to each, all included in the foregoing order.* [¾ *page.*]

24. To recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers an augmentation to the minister of Preston and Sutton, co. Dorset, of 10*l.*, beside the 40*l.* recommended last 19 January. Approved 23 March.

25. A warrant to be issued to the Serjeant-at-arms to search for and seize a unicorn's horn, and 2 St. Thomas à Beckett's staves, which belonged to the late King, and have been embezzled out of the Tower. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 430–439.]

Feb. 11/21. Whitehall. Sec. Thurloe to [Amb. Lockhart]. His Highness has spent this week about his army, and made some alterations. He took notice of dissatisfaction amongst the officers of his own regiment of horse, and sending for Major Packer and the 5 captains, all Anabaptists, found it as he had heard, and dismissed them all 6 from their commands. He has this day, in presence of many of the officers who expressed satisfaction in it, put 6 other very brave officers in their stead. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

Feb. 12/22. Paris. Rich. Mason to Sec. Nicholas, Bruges. I have lived at Ponthoise 6 months, and only been 3 or 4 times to Paris, but I went on Sir Edw. Herbert's death to be at his funeral. His poverty was such, and his friends so few, that there was neither money for his support nor his interment, but from my alliance to him, I supplied what was requisite. I am anxious to know what directions he left, but being surprised with death, he only recommended a cabinet with papers to Col. Robinson, to be delivered to his lady. I often begged for the cabinet, as it would be safer in the Palais Royal than in his hands, on account of his creditors, but he refused to give it up, or to peruse the papers with me; I sent it to Mrs. Mordaunt, Lady Herbert's daughter, by her order, and it is sent to England. His Majesty now asks me for the papers, but I have not seen or touched them. [2½ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 13. **69.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Sir Ralph Hare has been here, and is not pleased about your sudden return, and says he shall write to the boy's mother to continue him longer. I told him you had written to her.

I tell you with much grief of the death of our dear friend the provost [of Queen's College, Oxford], on the 10th instant. He was only 4 days ill. In his last to me, 10 days since, he said he intended to write once more to you. Potts may alter his mind, and come to

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you on this great change; I send him a letter from his brother Christopher. We expect Mr. Barlow to succeed as provost.

Since the dissolution of Parliament, the Protector is modelling his army. He has taken away the commissions of all who refuse to obey his commands in general. When finished, we may hear of some declaration to the people. It is thought he will take the legislative, and send Privy seals to our great monied men. [1 *page.*]

Feb. $\frac{15}{25}$. Saumur. **70.** A. de L'Erpinière to Williamson. Transactions with Mr. Robinson about the purchase of books. When you get back to England, I hope to get my rights from him. I want the Theocritus printed at Heidelberg, with Casaubon and Heinsius' notes. [1 *page, French.*]

Feb. $\frac{15}{25}$. Saumur. **71.** Tan. Faber to Williamson. Negotiations for purchase of the Epistles of Sarravius; also about the sending of a pupil to Williamson. I am glad you are pleased with the learning and the preaching of Menardière. [1 *page, Latin.*]

Feb. 15. The Assistance, Downs. **72.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorn to the Admiralty Commissioners. As soon as I had taken the 27 prisoners, including the captain, besides 6 boys and a natural, I put them on board the Dragon, to be transported to Flanders and set on shore there, supposing them only a charge to the State whilst remaining here. I ordered Capt. Bevans to sail for Harwich to clean and victual, and then convoy the North Sea Fishery, and will also hasten the Elias there.

I have received commands from his Highness, during the absence of Sir Richard Stayner, to keep ships plying in the Channel to surprise the enemy that is expected to come from Biscay with soldiers to relieve Flanders, and likewise for some to lie in several places to search for suspicious persons; in the performance of this I shall be very careful, as far as I may with the number of ships that are here, or that shall be sent hither, there being at present some wanting to ply off Orfordness and Ostend as formerly, and in the Narrow. I enclose an account of those here, how the rest are disposed of, and of their provisions and the time they have been off the ground, hearing from Sir Richard Stayner that there are 4 men-of-war lately gone out of Dunkirk for Ostend, which will make 15 or 16 sail there ready to come to sea; as it is supposed they intend for Dunkirk with provisions, some course may be taken for preventing them; but unless there are more ships here, I cannot see how it can be done. I suggest that five or six 4th and 5th rate frigates be sent out to lie off Ostend, which may do very good service there. The Dragon and Cheriton are already ordered for Dunkirk; and the Drake coming hither from Rye, I have supplied her with some men, and appointed her to sail over as soon as she has taken in a month's victuals from Dover, whence I shall also hasten over the Cornelian and Rose, now cleaning and revictualling.

I have sent the Newcastle to remain in Margate Road instead of the Winsby, and the Newbury to transport a gentleman of quality from Rye to Dieppe. Capt. Blake is to take under his convoy

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several vessels at Rye bound thither, and bring others back from Seine Head. The Vulture is to convoy several vessels laden with iron from Rye to Lynn, and I have given Capt. Rively orders to see them, with some other vessels at Dover and in the Downs bound northwards, as far as Yarmouth Roads, and there observe Major Burton's orders.

Last Saturday Mr. Culmer, having provided boats, with some boats and men from several ships here, recovered 16 guns from the Princess Maria, whereof 3 are from the lower tier, so that there are 19 saved; if the weather proves fair, no labour shall be wanting to get the rest. The boatswain of the Speaker is intrusted with the management of the business, and has taken much pains therein. I desire your pleasure concerning the prisoners taken from the Convert, and whether I shall supply the London, Speaker, and Newcastle, which are nearly out of provisions, either from the Essex and Newbury, or from Dover.

P.S. The Elizabeth has just arrived with 20 bolts of sailcloth, taken in at Weymouth for the stores at Deptford; as she is in a bad condition, and has but 7 days' victuals, the captain desires order concerning her. Another of the weightiest guns of the Princess Maria has been taken up, but I fear the bad weather will hinder the saving any more. [3 *pages.*]

Feb. 16. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of the several farmers of excise on ale, beer, &c., in England and Wales read, and referred to Mr. Comptroller, Desborow, Fleetwood, Strickland, Lisle, Skippon, Lord Chamberlain, and Wolsley, to consult with the Customs' Commissioners and Counsel learned, and report.

3. The petition of Sir Edward Ward and 16 other Monthly Assessment Commissioners, and of Wm. Howman and 8 others, concerning an arrest made 8 times at the suit of Robt. Green, of Lynn, and his son-in-law, Thos. Denman, on Wm. Howman, employed by the Commissioners in levying 36*l.* 12*s.* 8¾*d.* on Green, and a suit begun against the petitioners, making them all defendants, intending thereby to take away their testimony, referred to Mr. Comptroller, Desborow, Fleetwood, Strickland, Lisle, Skippon, Lord Chancellor, and Wolsley, to examine the matter, and report.

4. Green and Denman to attend Council forthwith.

5. **73.** Order on report on an order of 17 Dec. last, about a contract with Rob. Blackborne for his house in Scotland Yard,—that he has a lease for 14 years at 27*l.* rent, and that he left it 8 Dec. last, and that 250*l.* should be paid him as a fine, he cleared from the rent, and the house assigned in trust for his Highness,—that his Highness be advised to issue a warrant to Mr. Worth to pay Blackborne the said 250*l.* from Army contingencies, and that Blackborne assign his lease to John Maidstone and Nath. Waterhouse in trust for his Highness.

7. On report from the Lord President that on his warrant, the Earl of Chesterfield and Lord St. John were arrested by the Serjeant-at-arms, and now attend on a charge of a challenge or

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some such thing between them, with intent to a duel;—order that the Serjeant-at-arms carry them before the Lord Chief Justice of the Upper Bench, who is to be desired to examine the matter, and proceed according to law. With letter thereon to the Lord Chief Justice. [*I.* 78, *p.* 863.]

8. **74.** Order on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners, showing that on decease of Capt. Thos. Alderne, late navy victualler, the care of the victualling was, by his Highness's special order, committed to Majors Rob. Thompson, Neh. Bourne and Fras. Willoughby, who have had charge of it since 10 April last, and that 250*l.* a year should be allowed to each of them,—that the Admiralty Commissioners pay them the said allowances. Approved 6 March. *Annexing,*

75. *Report on which the order is grounded.* 8 *February* 1657–8. [⅔ *page.*]

9. On report from Counsel learned and John Archer on the charter for Norwich, and the petition of the residents in the close there, recommending an addition to the said report, order that this addition be referred back to the said Counsel, to consider and report on the whole, and whether anything therein contained is contrary to law.

11. The petition of Capt. Elias Walley for Col. Hacker's regiment of horse referred to the Army Committee, to report.

12. The Committee on the business of Ely House to meet this afternoon, to report.

14. Order on information of Zephaniah Hilton, linendraper of Cornhill, and Wm. Smith, linendraper of Newgate Market,—that the Serjeant-at-arms arrest Col. John White, on suspicion of high treason.

15. Fiennes, Jones, Wolsley, and Lord Chamberlain to consult with his Highness's Counsel learned on the above information, and report.

16. Any 3 of Council to consider an order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 2 Feb. for uniting the rectories of George's and Mary's, in Stamford, and the petition of the parishioners of Mary's, and report.

17. The reports concerning relations of officers cast away with Sir John Reynolds to be made next Thursday.

18. Thos. Smith to be permitted to preach in St. Clement's Church, Worcester, and notice given for his permission accordingly. Approved 23 March. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 439–445.]

Feb. 16. The Nightingale, Mardike. **76.** Capt. J. Lightfoot to the Admiralty Commissioners. I wrote you of Capt. Sparling being forced from the coast, and what I had done in saving his and others' anchors and cables, and how the vessels employed therein were chased back by the enemy's frigates; I have since found those of the Assistance as also one of the Cheriton's, with buoys to them, but could not weigh some others, they being very heavy, but the buoys are safe to them; as the Dragon and

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Cheriton are in the offing, I hope there will be no losses in the Splinter. I have 3 brass guns, an anchor, and blunderbus, belonging to the shallop that was burnt, but cannot give so good an account of her as I might have done if I had come in sooner, or the foul weather given a respite to look after her, and the other was only saved with much difficulty; 20 men have been entered on the Nightingale by order of Capt. Sparling. The major-general having ordered that a frigate should bring over this messenger and then repair to Calais, I have myself sent over Capt. Smith in the Truelove, he being very sick. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 17/27. Saumur. **77.** Marie Bouchereau to Williamson. I beg a note of recommendation to some of your friends in London for M. Poictevin, who is going to England. If he should see you, give him salutory councils, knowing his temper and the country, and conceal nothing that might serve him. I am as much interested in him as if he were my brother. My Aunt Poictevin salutes you. [1 *page, French.*]

Feb. 17/27. **78.** Deposition of Maj. Wm. Armorer before the King. Walking this morning in the court at the King's house, before prayers, Sir Jas. Hamilton took me aside from Marmaduke Darcy, and told me he hoped that we two, being old friends, should not cut each other's throats for other men's business. That he had told the Lord Chancellor he was starving, and would kill him rather than his lordship should see him starve. Sir James repeated oftentimes that he should not live 3 days, and meantime would kill the chancellor. That next day he would put on a clean shirt and kill the chancellor, and not run away, for he had not a penny; he should be sure to be hanged, and he would be hanged in a clean shirt. He said that as he got no money from the King, he was sure the chancellor was his enemy, and the reason was this:

That he had brought the King a message from his friends in England that they had something to say to him, but could not acquaint him with it unless he would promise not to acquaint the chancellor, because they believed he would betray their business; and this Sir James told the King and the Chancellor. No one else was present when this discourse took place, and after it he went upstairs into the presence chamber.

P.S.—Sir James deposes further that he always endeavoured to serve the King, and thinks he could not do him better service than to kill the Chancellor. [2½ *pages, written by Nicholas, signed by Armorer.*]

[Feb. 17.] **79.** Petition of Sir James Hamilton to the King. I can find no words to excuse my horrid insolence when before your Majesty; I was in drink the day before, and so mad drunk thereby that I threatened the Lord Chancellor with death, rather than I would be reduced to starve, and then I denied all, and gave his lordship the lie, when spoken to about it by you. I will submit to any punishment for pardon and restoration to favour; I beg your Majesty to reconcile me to the Lord Chancellor. [1 *page.*]

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3. Approval of an order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 29 Oct., to unite the parish of Arundel, co. Sussex, value 30*l.* a year, with the parsonage of the parish church of Torrington, value 30*l.*, under one incumbent, to be presented by the patrons in turn, who is to receive both stipends, and hold service in Arundel parish church; but this not to prejudice those now holding the livings during the present incumbencies. Approved by the Protector, 6 March.

5. Approval of an order to divide the chapel of Shute, belonging to Culliton vicarage, co. Devon, from it, and the patron of Culliton to appoint a vicar to Shute, to be supported by the profits of his parish, and the tenths payable by the vicarages of Culliton and Shute, viz., 4*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.*, to be divided, the vicarage of Culliton paying 2*l.* 14*s.* and the vicarage of Shute 1*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.*, and the first fruits to be divided similarly, the former paying 27*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*, and the latter 13*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* Approved by the Protector, 6 March.

6. Whereas the Protector, on 21 Jan. 1656–7, ordered payment to David Offley, of Christchurch parish, London, for the use of the East India Company and others, of 4,382*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*, advanced by them on a Parliament Ordinance of 8 July 1645, for redemption of captives in Algiers; and whereas by the Tonnage and Poundage Act, ½ per cent. of the customs is to be paid, from 24 June 1647, for redemption of the captives taken at sea by Turkish, Moorish, or other pirates; and whereas by order of the Protector and Council of 6 Oct. 1657, the Committee for Preservation of Customs are to issue the said money; — order that they pay Offley the said 4,382*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.* Approved 6 March.

7. Order,—on report from the Committee on the petition of farmers of excise on beer, &c., in England and Wales, and on a draft letter they offer to the justices of peace in the several counties, and another to the corporations,—to advise despatch of the letters in his Highness's name, in order to their more vigorous acting in the levy of the said excise.

8. The report from the farmers of excise in and about London, that the collection of duty is much hindered by the brewers obtaining replevins from the Chancery Court on distresses made by Act of Parliament for improving the receipt of excise—referred to Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Mr. Comptroller, Strickland, and Montague, to consult with the Great Seal Commissioners thereon.

9. Order on information that there are 160 Spanish prisoners at Plymouth, and only 15 men from the 2 companies can be spared from the 2 companies of foot to guard them—that 20 privates be added to each company, and the Army Committee to pay them. Approved 6 March.

12. Approval of an order of 7 January of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, for an additional augmentation to be added to that of 50*l.* already allowed to John Wells, minister of St. Ives, to raise his stipend from 46*l.* to 100*l.*, which augmentation should be paid from Audesley's estate in St. Ives.

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15. Approval of the following augmentations to ministers, &c., advised by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, viz.:—

Moulsey - - - -	co. Surrey	- £10
Plumstock - - -	„ Devon	- 10
Wokingham - - -	„ Berks	- 20
Schoolmaster of Launceston	„ Cornwall	- 20

16. The petition of John Tombes, minister, referred to Lord R. Cromwell, Montague, Fleetwood, Wolsley, Strickland, and Jones, to speak with Mr. Tombes and Col. Rogers, and any others, and report.

17. On report from the Committee on the tithes of Weld and Caldecot, in Eynsbury parish, co. Hunts,—that they find it probable that the tithes always belonged of right to the incumbent of the parish, as all that the trustees who claim them for the Bishop of Ely can advance is an ancient lease of November 1637, granting all his portion of such small and great tithes at 3*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* a year for 21 years, which will expire next November, but the rectors of Eynsbury have always claimed, and have reclaimed at law the small tithes, and received them; and that 14 years ago the incumbent claimed part of the great tithes, and made a composition with the Bishop's tenant for 7 years, and it appears the Bishop only claims them because his power is so much greater as to overawe the incumbent; —order to allow the minister of Eynsbury the rent reserved on the said lease, and after its expiration in November next, to allow him the tithes of Weld and Caldecot.

18. On an inquisition taken at Llangesin in Anglesea on last Jan. 4, before the sheriffs of the county, on a writ of *ad quod damnum*, issued by Privy Council's order of 1 December last, that it will not damage other neighbouring markets, to grant leave to David Lloyd, of Llodarth, and his heirs, to keep and erect a market in Llanerchenneth;—order to advise his Highness to empower him to hold a weekly market there on Wednesdays, and 5 fairs yearly, on 24 March, 25 April, 14 August, 20 September, and 2 November.

19. As it appears requisite that part of the assessment be disposed towards payment of the forces in the county where it is raised, and cannot first be removed to Guildhall without prejudice to them;—order that the Army Committee order payment of the second 6 months' assessment in such way as is most convenient for the forces, and that the receivers observe their directions, taking warrants from the county receivers for moneys so paid by them, and giving them acquittances; all such acquittances to be considered part of the 210,000*l.* to be paid to them as Treasurers-at-war, and for the sums they receive as War-treasurers, they are to have discharge as receivers-general. Approved 23 February.

20. To consider to-morrow the report concerning wives and children of officers drowned with Sir John Reynolds.

21. Mr. Embree to have certain repairs specified about the guard at Whitehall executed, whereof Mr. Comptroller reports an estimate for carpenters' and bricklayers' work, amounting to 30*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*

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22. A petition having been presented to his Highness by the late M.P.s for Cumberland, on behalf of godly ministers there,—stating that by the Act for propagating the Gospel in the 4 northern counties, the late Edw. Winter was appointed treasurer, and had 200*l.* in hand, and requesting that it might be demanded from his executors, and employed in repair of decayed parsonages, which petition was referred to Lord Chas. Howard and others, to secure the moneys and decide how it may best be employed, and they recommend—

	£		£
Carlisle - -	5	Penrith - -	25
Dalston - -	35	Addingham - -	6
Kirkbride - -	3	Ousby - - -	10
Orton - - -	35	Brampton - -	30
Graystock - -	30	Castle Carrock -	30

—order that the said sum, being 209*l.*, be distributed as advised, and that Lord Howard and the other referees call for the money from the executors and see it so distributed. Approved 6 March.

23. Order on a letter of 12 February from Yarmouth to Col. Biscoe, reporting the carriage and language of Mr. England, a bailiff, concerning the release of a person then under guard there,—that England attend Council next Wednesday week.

24. On a former report from the Committee on claims on Wm. Toomes' estate,—that certain jewels, list given, according to Maj.-Gen. Worsley's papers, are in the hands of Rob. Galilee; that part of the estate in Mrs. Toomes' hands (mother of William) was seized by Worsley, and a quantity of plate and jewels delivered him by the Sheriffs of London; that amongst other claims is one from John Goodfellow, executor of Mrs. Toomes, and one from Mrs. Dorothy Worsley, widow of the Major-General, for 200*l.* formerly ordered from the proceeds of money and jewels seized by her late husband, viz., 100*l.* for herself, and 50*l.* for each of the 2 daughters of Maj.-Gen. Worsley by his former wife; also Eliz. Peirce's claim for 100*l.* due as a year's wage to her former husband, Wm. Hitchcock, cash-keeper of Sir Paul Pindar;—order to advise that whoever has the residue of the jewels, &c., formerly in Maj.-Gen. Worsley's hands, pay Goodfellow 200*l.*, Mrs. Peirce 80*l.*, and satisfy Mrs. Worsley's claims; that if Rob. Galilee has appropriated jewels belonging to the estate, they be reclaimed; and that out of such other concealed lands of Toomes as shall be discovered, there be allowed 200*l.* more for Mrs Toomes and 20*l.* to Mrs. Peirce, to make up her 80*l.* to 100*l.* [*I.* 78, *pp.* 445–461.]

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1, 2. Col. John White, who was attending in custody of a messenger at the door, being called in, examined, and the information against him read over,—order that he be committed to the Tower on suspicion of high treason.

3. The information against him to be sent to Mr. Attorney-General, who is to consult with the rest of the Counsel learned how to effectually prosecute the matter.

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4. The draft proclamation commanding all Papists and Royalists to depart out of London and Westminster, and the late lines of communication, referred to Lord Rich. Cromwell, Desborow, Mr. Comptroller, Lisle, Lord Chamberlain, Mr. Secretary, Fiennes, Wolsley, and Montague, to fill up the blanks, and report.

5. The same Committee to consider another draft proclamation to Papists and delinquents not to remove more than 5 miles from their dwellings, and report.

8. A paper subscribed by Thos. Donkester, a deputy of the receivers of fines for new buildings, concerning the reasons of a distress taken at the house of Chas. Dixon in Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, referred to Desborow, Strickland, Jones, Wolsley, Mr. Secretary, Fleetwood, and Lord Chamberlain, to report.

9. Mrs. Dixon, wife of Chas. Dixon, — Arnold, a grocer in Bedford Street, and others, who made the rescue of the above distress, to attend the said Committee of Council at 9 to-morrow.

10. **80.** To authorize the Admiralty Commissioners to order from the stores at Portsmouth 40 muskets, and bandoleers, and 10 pikes, for the garrison at Southampton. Approved 23 March.

11. The Serjeant-at-arms to deliver to Kinnersley all the carpets, &c., which, by order of 5 Sept. 1656, he provided for furnishing the Speaker's chamber, according to inventory.

12. Mr. Embree's account concerning repairs and building in his Highness's houses since the settlement of his last account before 29 Sept., referred to the auditors of imprest to be audited, and the order of Feb. 11 to be amended accordingly. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 445–464.]

Feb. 19. London. Levant Company to Phil. Langley. We desire you to pay a bill of exchange for 1,032 rix dollars, due to Rich. Lawrence on the balance of his account. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 303.]

Feb. 19. / March 1. Antwerp. Sir Edw. Walker, Garter King, to [Sec. Nicholas]. I received your's as I was crowding to get in to see Lord Newcastle's ball, so I could not read it to the King till yesterday. He is sensible of the ill condition of his regiment at Dixmeude, and bade me deliver Col. Carnaby's letter to Col. Blagge, who said much of his ill-treatment; as to the command of that regiment at Brussels, he will wait on you, but meantime refer any further complaints to him.

On Monday the King delivered the order of the Garter to M. Marsine; he was introduced between the Lord Newcastle and the Earl of Bristol, I preceding in my coach carrying the insignia. He was first knighted, then I read the commission for his election, and then his Majesty put the George about his neck, and the assistants the George [garter?] and his cloak, and so, after his humble acknowledgment, the ceremony ended. He has paid all his fees to the King's servants, and remembered me to my satisfaction, and on Wednesday went to Brussels.

That evening the entertainment was at Lord Newcastle's, ushered in by a speech penned by my lord, and spoken by Major Mohun;

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then followed French dances, a song by my Lady Marchioness Moore, and a great banquet brought in by 16 gentlemen of quality in the King's service; then country dances, and an epilogue; all ended at 12. Beside the Royal Family were the Duchess of Lorraine, her son and daughter, Hannibal Sestade, his wife and daughter, Lord Bristol and his daughter and son-in-law. So however melancholy you are at Bruges, we are merry here, but I fear faction will ensue.

On Monday the Princess [Royal] returns to Breda with the 2 dukes. The King brings her to her dining-place (where the Prince of Orange meets them), but returns that night, and goes next day for Brussels.

Lord Colepepper knows not yet whether he goes with the Princess. The Lord Chancellor is strangely recovered of his gout, and was abroad yesterday. [4 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

Friday, [Feb. 19. March 1.] Antwerp. Sir Gilb. Talbot to his father [Sec. Nicholas]. Our Knight of the Garter, M. Marsine, was made on Tuesday, coming the day before from Brussels, and returning there the day after. He was much transported with the honour, and it sits very well on him. [The Duke of Gloucester] is now Sir Henry of Gloucester. The King says he shall pay fees, as a precedent to Sir Art. Slingsby. The interlude next day was performed with all circumstances of greatness in a little volume, and embellished with my lady's own poetry.

The Lord Chancellor came not abroad till yesterday, lest the ladies might have taken him out to dance.

The Princess has delayed her journey till Monday. The King will take her to Sunder, where the young Prince of Orange will meet her, and the King go to Brussels.

The Lord Chancellor has rebuked me for want of courtship, but he gave me an Italian's discourse to translate, which has kept me from Court. Yet I bless the day when I saw Italy, whereby I am made capable of fulfilling his commands. [2½ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 19. March 1. Ghent. Col. Her. Price to Sec. Nicholas, Bruges. I am ill in bed, having been these 3 nights, with much grief, attending my Lord of Rochester's, I hope, happy departure out of this unhappy world; he died this night at 1 a.m. I have sent Mr. Rose to tell the King, that he may take order for the interment. Meantime I will get his body embalmed, and let you know when we shall be at Sluys with it. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 19. March 1. [Percy Church to Sec. Nicholas]. Sir John Arundel of the West, with *his brother-in-law, Mr. Roper, by the name of Randale*, came here lately from England, and *Roper* will wait on the King.

Cromwell, not finding his account, has dissolved the Parliament, and endeavoured to borrow money from the City, but without success, which, with some general notice of a new plot, has much disordered him. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

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Sunday, [Feb. 21. March 3.] Middleburg. Thomas, Lord Wentworth, to Sec. Nicholas. The convoy has gone, and in it many of our acquaintance. I wonder that our letters from England do not say why Cromwell fell out with his Parliament, or what effect the quarrel has brought; it should produce something to the advantage of his Majesty. Let one of your servants deliver the enclosed from Lady Quirinsen. Tell me news of Lord Rochester, who is, I hear, desperately ill, which much affects me. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Sunday, Feb. 21. March 3. Sir Gilb. Talbot to Sec. Nicholas. The Princess leaves us to-morrow, and the King and his 2 brothers go with her to West Wesel (you see how the resolutions of our court alter). The King returns at night, the Duke of York, who goes through to Breda, on Wednesday. It is said Sir Harry of Gloucester will remain at Breda. The Prince of Orange will be conveyed to West Wesel by all the Breda horse, 200, but our master will only have 16 or 20 to return with him, though the country be very dangerous.

Lord Bristol has had much ado to reconcile his daughter with the baron, her husband, a quarrel having arisen from his jealousy of her which came to blows; when she left for Brussels, she would not go in the same coach with him. To-night Han. Sestade gives all our court a supper and ball. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 22. March 4. Antwerp. S. Fox to [Sec. Nicholas]. I am careful about my letters, and regret failure in their delivery. The Princess goes to-day. The King goes with her to West Wesel, dines there, and returns to-night, to an entertainment at Mr. Harvey's. The Duke of York goes to Brussels on Thursday unless they are again stayed, as they now are, for want of money. Lord Bristol has gone to represent this to Don John. Unless we can have a speedy supply, we must break with all mankind; and if we get money, it must go to paying bills charged from Bruges to enable us to remove thence. When I can, I will return you the 30 rix dollars and the February disbursement.

Last night Sestade gave a banquet to the King, Princess, &c., and they danced till late. Col. Blagg, my Lord of Derry, and Sir Chas. Cotterell are coming to Bruges. My Lord Chancellor did not go to Breda, fearing a relapse of the gout. He and Lord Colepepper stay here till the King goes to Brussels. [3 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 23. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Serjeant-at-law, and Attorney and Mr. Solicitor-general to meet the Committee of Parliament for improvement of custom and excise revenue at 10 to-morrow, in the Inner Court of Ward, and advise on the Act whereby that Committee is constituted.

2. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 9 and 18 February.

3. Order on a letter from the Council in Scotland of 20 Aug. 1657, on behalf of Col. Leonard Lydcott, with a draft for his Highness's signature of a grant of the custody of Linlithgow Palace and Castle, to advise his Highness to sign it as follows:—

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4. The Protector,—understanding that his Council in Scotland, on a letter of 15 Feb. 1655–6, showing that his Highness, finding on representation of Col. Leonard Lydcot, that 2,000*l.* is due to him for service, had ordered that 109 acres of park or common land near Linlithgow, and the keepership of Linlithgow and Blackness Palace and Castle be assigned to him, with duties arising from the lordships, which order he now wishes to renew, in as full manner as possible, give their approval thereto,—nominates Lydcot to the said land and office, and grants him a discharge for the duties belonging to the lordships, which he has uplifted for repair of the castles.

5. On petition of Lieut.-Col. Wm. Fleetwood, who on 30 April was ordered his arrears of 229*l.* 12*s.* with the usual deductions, but has not been paid,—order that the Jamaica Committee certify how much of the 229*l.* 12*s.* is still due, and speed their report thereon.

6. On complaint that merchant strangers and shipmasters take ballast from the Ballast Office, and sail without having paid for it, that this may be prevented and yet the ships not needlessly delayed; —order that on certificate to the Customs' Commissioners of neglect or refusal to pay for ballast, no coquet be granted to the ship till this is done, but when it is paid, certificates are to be sent to the Customs' officers.

7. The petition of the masters, wardens, and assistants of the Company of Gunmakers referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to hear the petition and act.

9. Order on petition of Chas. Dixon, that agents from the Commissioners for New Buildings having in his absence distrained his goods for money due according to the Act of Parliament concerning new buildings, his wife made some resistance, but praying pardon as he paid the money in next day,—that he be discharged.

10. **81.** On a report on the petition of the owners of the Levant Merchant,—that the ship was one of the squadron employed in the Straits by the late Capt. Rich. Badiley, from 3 Dec. 1652 to 4 March 1653, when she was taken by the enemy, and the contract lost in her. They demand the usual rate of 3*l.* 15*s.* a month for freight, victuals, and wages which they have paid, being 30 men to every 100 tons, and the ship being 280 tons, total 943*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.*; they also demand 2,440*l.* for the ship and the victuals lost in her when taken, of which 1,957*l.* should be paid, deducting 483*l.* for freight of the ship,—Order that warrants be drawn out for payment of the said 2 sums. Approved 23 March. *Annexing,*

81. I. *Report of the Admiralty Commissioners alluded to.* 19 *November* 1657. [1 *page.*]

11. Approval of the order of the Trustees for Maintenance of 2 Feb. last, advising, after full consideration and hearing on the matter, the union of the rectory of the parish church of the borough of Stamford, co. Lincoln, and that of the parish church of Mary's, with service in each once a day, with one minister, to be appointed twice out of every

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3 appointments by the patron of George's and once by the patron of Mary's, who is to have first turn, with the profits of both parishes united; a report from the Committee on a petition of the inhabitants of St. Mary's against the union, being that they considered it to have no sufficient cause. Approved by the Protector 6 March. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 464–471.]

Feb. 24. / March 6. Sluys. Col. Herb. Price to Sec. Nicholas. We have laid Lord Rochester's body, with what dececency we could, and as little noise, by Lord Hopton. It was embalmed, wrapt in a good cere cloth, and on it a lead well soldered, so that there is no danger that it will offend the vault. I suppose you will have heard from my lady abbess at Ghent what she has from England. Send me your news, and what the King intends to do, and when. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 24. / March 6. Thos. Ross to Sec. Nicholas. There is a little flaw concerning *the Marquis of Ormond.* I was surprised when told by a friend who was a relative of *Lord Newcastle,* that he (as his wife has made him) is industrious to decry *the King's* estate, being piqued that he did not know of its settlement, and reports that he does not think the suit will be carried, though he knew that *Ormond and Neale* and others were gone as a jury to *England.* My friend said *Ormond* was still in *Germany,* but the other affirmed that those who told him knew as much as *the Lord Chancellor.* My friend wonders that anyone who knows *Newcastle* would trust him with so important a secret, for it might as well be proclaimed at the cross. We know not how he can have it, unless it be by some of the *Duke of York's* people, who talk as if they were of the Cabinet, and say they shall soon be in *England.*

Humphrey* is not much better in body or mind, and is troubled that the 2 Hogs put into Lob's* pound are beasts, and false to him, and now he repents that he did not send honest Kemp* *the King* (*?*) back, who was laid aside because he did not apply solely to him, or that Humphrey relied on them because they could cajole him with high promises. They now suspect that Hog, who was with us, was to be the instrument to give the rest credit with Humphrey and his master, and to invite him to a place where he would have been ensnared, and that there were such stratagems prepared for this as there never were before, and that *Cromwell* much relied on it; so that we now wish honest Hornby* had been allowed to carry on his business his own way. Take no notice of this till I tell you the rest of the story.

Yesterday we took the Princess to West Wesel, and met the Prince of Orange, who much pleased the King with his person and company. I send from Sir Gerard Hollis an exact account of the reasons of the dissolution of Parliament. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence. Italics cyphers, but several names in the letter have not been decyphered.*]

* Cypher, but no key to it.—Ed.

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1. To advise a proclamation for better execution of laws concerning revenue and excise. Mr. Attorney-General and Mr. Solicitor-General, with Mr. Brereton's assistance, to prepare a draft, and return it to Council to-morrow morning.

2. The draft proclamation commanding Papists and Royalists to depart from London and Westminster, and the late lines of communication, with the blanks filled in by the Committee thereon, read, approved, and to be sent up to his Highness.

3. Also the draft of a proclamation for them to return to their abodes, and not depart more than 5 miles.

4. The Customs' Commissioners not to accept any entries of saltpetre, or suffer any to be exported till further order.

5. Several names given of new Commissioners for Recusants in the several counties approved, viz., 4 for Berks, 2 Oxford, 6 Bucks, 5 Monmouth, 8 Nottingham, and 8 Derby.

6. A draft order from the Committee on salaries for the Commissioners for removing Obstructions, &c., referred to Mr. Comptroller, Desborow, Montague, Skippon, Fleetwood, Lord R. Cromwell, Strickland, and Mr. Secretary, to ascertain from the Commissioners what time their duties occupy, and what remuneration they expect, and report.

7. Order on Peter Blondeau's petition that the Lord Chamberlain, Fleetwood, Montague, Desborow ,Strickland, Lisle, Lord R. Cromwell, Jones, and Mr. Secretary, read the former order concerning this business, and consider what further proceedings are advisable, as to fitness of persons employed and rules to be observed, and report.

8. To authorise the Army Committee to order the War-treasurers to pay the adjutants-general so much as shall equalize them with the rest of the army in and about London. Approved 23 March.

9. The petition of Maj. John Sanderson, engineer and pensioner to the King of France, referred to Desborow, Strickland, and the Lord Chamberlain, to report.

10. Order on information that Rich. Bradshaw, Ambassador to the Great Duke of Muscovy, has drawn on the President and Council a bill of exchange, dated at Memmes, 20 January 1657–8, for 500*l.*—that the bill be accepted and paid out of Council's contingencies.

12. Order on report by Strickland, Desborow, and Fleetwood, on the petition of Sir. Jas. Hope, on behalf of William, Earl Marshal of Scotland, concerning the fine imposed on his estates 13 November 1656, which was read, that it be not re-committed. *Annexing,*

82. *Report alluded to, that the Council of Scotland should be requested to examine the Earl's case, and that if they find his allegations true, and that it would not be inconsistent with the order of his Highness and Council of* 13 *Nov.* 1656, *confirmed by Parliament, for raising* 40,000*l. fine on excepted estates in Scotland, and if they judge fit, on satisfaction that Dunottar Castle and lands belong*

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to the said Earl, then they cause the said castle and premises to be secured to his Highness in discharge of the fine of 9,700*l. set on the Earl and his estate. Or that otherwise the said Council certify on the case.* [1¼ *pages.*]

14. Lord R. Cromwell, Mr. Comptroller, Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Fleetwood, Montague, and Strickland, to receive and examine bills for the coats and clothing provided by Sir Thos. Pride and Sir Jno. Berkstead for soldiers bound for France under Sir Jno. Reynolds, and report the whole state of the case.

15. Order confirming that of 18 Feb. concerning the disposal of Wm. Toomes' estate.

16. Lord R. Cromwell, Lord Chamberlain, Desborow, Lisle, Strickland, Mr. Comptroller, Montague, Skippon, and Mr. Secretary, to speak with any persons concerning the concealment of any part of the said estate, and especially concerning jewels alleged to have been in the hands of Rob. Galilee, and how best they may be recovered, and to consider particularly the case of Mr. Boone, surgeon to Toomes, who received no satisfaction for curing him of his first attempt to destroy himself; also the Earl of Mulgrave's case, and to report.

17. On the petition of John Webster, late surgeon in Col. Shuttleworth's regiment, co. Lancaster, and of the state of his case concerning prosecutions at law against him by Rob. Inman, about a mare of Inman's seized in 1648 at Duke Hamilton's invasion, by some soldiers on their way to the Parliament army, then near Barnard Castle, where they and the petitioner were going to carry arms and medicaments for the army, when Inman and his son refused in that exigency, to be their paid guide over the moors to Pateley Bridge, and the mare was afterwards used in the troop; and on information of the petitioner's fidelity and his endeavour to prevent prejudice to the man—Order that the Barons of Exchequer relieve him on the late Act for indemnifying those who have acted for the service. *Annexing,*

83. *Statement of the previous proceedings in the case, a verdict being given at law against Webster, and the Barons of Exchequer having refused him indemnity.* [¾ *page.*]

83. I. *John Webster to Lord Lambert. Details of the case. My last reference being an appeal to Council, I hope you will certify what you know of my faithful service. Clitheroe,* 2 *Nov.* 1657. [1 *page.*]

83. II. *Report on which the above order is founded.* [1 *page.*]

18. Order that the report in the case of Col. Fras. White's children be considered at the next sitting. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 471–6.]

Feb. 25. Whitehall. President Lawrence to John Wells, minister of Tewkesbury. His Highness and Council having heard that differences have arisen between you and Mr. Hopkins, minister of Evesham, causing great scandal on account of your holy calling, admonish you to forget

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your differences, and study love and kindness towards each other, that the work of God may the better prosper in your hands. But if you still keep on foot a divided spirit, his Highness and Council will take strict account thereof. They have sent a like admonition to Mr. Hopkins. [*I.* 78, *p.* 858.]

Feb. 25. President Lawrence to Geo. Hopkins, minister at Evesham, to the like effect. [*I.* 78, *p.* 859.]

Feb. 25. Proclamation commanding all Papists and other adherents of the late King and his sons affected to depart London and Westminster.

His Highness being informed of meetings of these persons, of designs now on foot, and of their correspondence with the King of Spain and Charles Stuart, thinks it needful to use all means to prevent mischief and procure peace; and therefore, by advise of his Council, he charges all Papists, those who have borne arms against the State, or assisted the enemy in the late wars, to depart from London and Westminster, and all places within 20 miles of the late lines of communication, unless it be their place of habitation, by 2 March; or if they are now under restraint, within 3 days after their enlargement, and not to return till next Easter.

The Lord Mayor and Aldermen and justices of the peace to cause strict watch and ward to be kept, to search for and apprehend all offenders, and commit them to prison, and certify their proceedings to Council. All sheriffs, constables, and other officers, civil and military, to assist.

Every householder is, before 4 March, to give in to the alderman of his ward, or to a justice of the peace, the names of all lodgers, and whether Papists or not, and to give notice of any fresh lodger within 24 hours.

The aldermen and justices to inquire after such lists, and transmit them to Council. All householders who fail to send in their lists are to be deemed enemies of the peace. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 855–7.]

Feb. 25. Proclamation ordering all Papists and others of the late King's party, to return to their dwellings, and not remove above 5 miles. To prevent the danger occasioned by the meeting together in London and Westminster of Papists and other ill-affected persons, his Highness and Council require that all natives of the Commonwealth who are Papists or Recusants, or those who have borne arms against the State or favoured its enemies, do, before 12 March, or if under restraint, then 3 days after their enlargement, repair to their places of abode, and do not remove from them more than 5 miles till Easter; or if they have no settled abode, fix on the place their parents live in, or where they were born. All justices of peace to apprehend any persons whom they find over 5 miles from their dwellings. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 857, 858.]

Feb. 25. / March 7. Whitehall. Sec. Thurloe to [Amb. Lockhart]. We are here in the same state as formerly, threatened by enemies of all sorts, but yet in quiet. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

Feb. 25. **84.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Our worthy friend [the Provost of Queen's College] was buried on Saturday, 13 Feb., and on Monday

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Mr. Barlow was unanimously chosen. There was a great contest whether Dr. Zouch or Dr. Wallas should succeed him in keeping the records, but Wallas has it. Lamplugh is very helpful to the disconsolate widow. I send you some money, but this great frost and the dissolving of Parliament has much obstructed commerce. Times are so uncertain that none know what course to steer. Mr. Whorwood owes me money, but regards not his promise to pay. I send Sir Ralph's letter. Business affairs. When are we and Sir Geo. Fletcher, sheriff of Cumberland, to go to the North? With list of books wanted for a friend. [1 *page and scrap.*] *Enclosing,*

84. 1. *Sir Ralph Hare to Williamson. I sent you 50l. by Hum. Robinson. I cannot tell you when my nephew, Leigh, is to return till I hear from my lady, his mother. She intended to be in town at Midsummer, so that will be the proper season, unless you hear from her to return sooner.* 22 *Feb.* 1657–8. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 25. / March 7. [Ghent.] Mary Knatchbull, abbess of Ghent, to Sec. Nicholas. Col. Price has spoken too favourably of me. My intelligence is small, but the world knows I am a hearty lover of his Majesty, and therefore sends me good news when any is stirring, and I shall gladly impart it to you. I hear nothing at present more than the priests from England deliver, and I shall be in retirement this Lent, and hear nothing unless you inform me. Thanks for your kindness to my cousin Roper.

P.S.—I pray that the French almanac may prove a true prophet in what concerns our King. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 25. / March 7. 10 p.m. Antwerp. S. Fox to Sec. Nicholas. Your letter did not reach me till the post had gone out, because of the distance between the Lord Chancellor's lodging and the King's, nigh which I am lodged. The King leaves for Brussels to-morrow at 4 a.m. The Duke of York has not returned from Breda; being troubled with toothache, he had a tooth drawn, and was let blood, but a footman sent from him brings word that he will leave Breda to-morrow morning.

Nothing can be done for the poor reformed gentlemen till the King is at Brussels. We could not have got form hence if Mr. Shaw had not lent us 1,500 florins, which is all the money I have had since we left Bruges. We have fair promises when we get to Brussels; meantime it will go hard with our *menage,* which we have again begun since the Princess's departure.

The King sups to-night at Han. Sestade's. My Lord Chancellor has been 2 days ill with the gout, but will go in the coach to Brussels. Lord Colepepper goes for Holland. Account of ill health of friends. [2⅔ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 25. / March 7. Antwerp. Sir Edw. Walker to Sec. Nicholas. Col. Blagge will have told you his efforts about the King's regiment of guards. I hope his presence among them will bring them to a better posture, which is most necessary, if we are so near action as you say.

I have shown your son Talbot the prognostic; God grant it may prove true. Sir Chas. Cotterell will have told you that if we quit

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our station, his master, the Duke of Gloucester, is to remain. Early to-morrow we go for Brussels, where I hope the King will so apply himself to his business as speedily to quit that place, and prepare for embarking. The time of the year is so far spent that the melancholy amongst us fear it is almost past. Lord Colepepper is going for Holland. The Lord Chancellor has the gout again. I have spoken to the King about your poor reformado officers, and he may perhaps order Mr. Fox to give them credit for a longer time; they should be provided for, especially as action is supposed to be so near. [2⅔ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 26. / March 8. Antwerp. Lord Colepepper to [Sec. Nicholas]. I can see nothing of any preparation here, save that 2 great and 2 lesser frigates are come safe from Dunkirk to Ostend. As to English news, the King and Lord Chancellor both told me last night that they have no ill news, which, in this nick of time, I take to be very good news. How any forces can be transported hence after the end of this month, when the seas will swarm with English men-of-war on this coast, is a mystery to me.

I hope your letters confirm what the Lord Chancellor told me, that Cromwell is dangerously ill, swooned twice on Tuesday week, and was still ill on Thursday, the date of the letter. Also that Thurloe is distracted, and was carried to an apothecary's in the Old Bailey to be taken care of.

I took leave of the King and Lord Chancellor last night. They were to leave at 5 a.m., but I hear they are not gone. I know no reason, save that the Chancellor had the gout badly last night. The Duke of York has had the toothache, but he sent word by M. Forest (who reports Lady Hyde's being brought to bed of a boy) that he would certainly be here to-night. [*Extracts, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 26. / March 8. Antwerp. S. Fox to [Sec. Nicholas]. By the neglect of the coachman, who came at 5, instead of 4½, the King lost his tide, the boat being gone, so he stays till to-morrow morning, rather than lose the pleasure of going by water. All his servants are gone, except Mr. Carteret and myself, and those of the stables that were not to go by water; also my Lord Chancellor, who intends to go in the coach. When the King is at Brussels, I will remind him of the poor reformed gentlemen, and also of Dr. Whittaker.

P.S. The King's supper at Sestade's did not end till 2 a.m. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 26. / March 8. Hague. Sir Fras. Mackworth to Sec. Nicholas. Pray give the enclosed to the Lord Chancellor, and join him in forwarding my fervent desire for employment. I should be much vexed were the King to get in by means of a militia, and I not active with them. We have great news from England, which, if true, you must have before us. It makes many joyful hearts here. God grant it may produce effects fit for His Majesty's good proceedings. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

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[Percy Church to Sec. Nicholas]. Cromwell has a vertigo or migraine in his head, and fell twice on Sunday week. He demanded 300,000*l.* of Parliament, which they promised if their militia might be restored. He reproached several army officers for ingratitude and deserting their principles, saying they should either stick to him or lay down their commissions, which 9 did, and Lieut.-Col. Parker told him if he had made them, they had made him. The country gentry, with their horses, are generally secured, and the Cavaliers banished 20 miles from London. The City resents the dissolution of Parliament. Rob. Rich, Cromwell's son-in-law, is dead, also Viscount Purbeck. The Duke of Buckingham is said to be privately come to France. Any design for England should be very secret, as news have come hither from the French Ambassador in Holland. A new Parliament is to be summoned for 25 March. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

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Sir Rich. Browne to [Sec. Nicholas]. Lord Gerard makes no haste to begin his journey. The Earl of Lichfield was recommended by the Duchess of Richmond, not of Buckingham, as I said in mistake. I don't know what will become of the Earl of Inchiquin's business concerning his younger son, but his eldest son and a daughter have arrived in Ireland. Dr. Fraser's wife is said to be rich in money, besides 400*l.* a year rent. I should be glad to hear of Mr. Erskine's safe arrival at Bruges, but he may be detained at Amiens by the bad weather, and the good cheer of an abbot, a friend of his there.

One may see by the English prints that there are many discontented spirits active to destroy the present Government. Possibly the tyrant is not so well at ease as he could wish, though not so loose seated as we pray. God restore his sacred Majesty to the throne of his ancestors!

We hear that Lord Purbeck is dead, and also Rob. Rich, [Cromwell's] worthy son-in-law, leaving his widow a jointure of 3,000*l.* a year. Sir Herb. Lunsford has come over about his regiment, and Lord Gerard has gone towards your parts. I have lost 2 of my grand-children by my daughter Evelyn. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

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The Speaker,
Downs.

86. Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. Since my last, I have been forced to stay in the Downs by the violent storms and the want of pilots; I have only 5 of them as yet, and they none of the best. The ships under sail with me, with the 4 off Dunkirk, and the 3 in the Narrow, are all of the 28 sail as yet come forth, and there are nearly 150 men wanting; many that I have are sick, and the ketch I sent up the river to get some has not yet returned, neither any of the six months' victuals for 200 men, save a hoy with some beer.

I have disposed of the 2 cables of the Princess Maria between my own ship and the Foresight, which makes my number 6, the ordinary number; every ship should have 6 for that coast at this season, and a spare anchor and cable besides. I want another anchor for my ship, as when I ride in my station off Ostend, if the

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enemy should escape out and break through my squadron, I should be able to do but little, through the foulness of my ships. When the 28 sail are all come forth, the foulest should go in to clean, 1 or 2 at a time, as they can be spared. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 27. The Speaker, Off Ostend. **87.** Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I came out of the Downs yesterday, but the wind slackening, was forced to anchor 4 leagues from Dunkirk; sailing to-day, and seeing some fishermen, I sent to get advice, but they were too quick of foot. This afternoon I came to anchor off Ostend, where there are 22 or 23 sail in the harbour, meeting the Tiger and Dartmouth; there are now 13 of the State's ships off Ostend, but they want water casks, and so are unable to supply themselves for any time; 2 ketches will therefore be needed to fetch water for all the ships. There are not above 6 pilots in the fleet, which is a great hazard to some ships, the masters and mates who take the charge having never been on the coast before. I do not know the reason of their backwardness, unless that some malignant spirits should incite them to it, for some of them, having been on board, and going ashore under pretence of fetching their clothes, hid themselves, so that they could not be found on my departure from the Downs. I want a cable for the Newbury and Selby, and a maincourse for the Newcastle.

I will endeavour to manage the service of his Highness to the best advantage, If the Spanish bottom at Dover and the other at Deptford may be sent out, they would be very serviceable in running in near to shore, and in chasing vessels, which no ship I have is capable of, by reason of their draught of water. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Feb. 27. The Lyme, Port Farine. **88.** Capt. Jno. Stoakes to the Admiralty Commissioners. My last was from Leghorn of the 20th instant, giving you an account of the state of the squadron, as also of my intentions to set sail for Tunis, to endeavour a peace with those people, which I did on the 23rd following, and the 28th obtained Goletta Road. The next day I dispatched a messenger with a letter to our consul at Tunis, acquainting him with the occasion of our coming thither, and another to the Dey, demanding the surrender of the English captives, with which if he would comply, I should then entertain terms of peace with him. He returned me answer that if I would do as Gen. Blake had done at Algiers, meaning to redeem the captives at the price he gave, which was 213½ dollars a head, one with the other, I was welcome, otherwise I might do as I pleased.

By this time, having fully informed ourselves, both from the consul and others, of the condition and number of their ships in Porto Farine, which were 8, and of the fortifications made for their defence, it was judged impossible to do any considerable execution on them, and we could not well block up the port longer than 6 weeks, for want of liquor. On consideration hereof, and of the condition of our ships which were foul, and our men daily falling down for want of refreshments, the captains with me thought it the best

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We are now in Port Farine, cleaning the frigates, 4 of which are almost completed, and I trust within a few days to finish the other 2. I doubt not but the accommodation and benefit of this place, both to our ships of war and merchants, will soon balance the charge of the captives' redemption, and will also afford us a great advantage, not only for annoying the Spaniards, but the ships of Tripoli also, who I believe will now soon embrace a peace with us.

I purpose in a few days to send 2 frigates for Majorca, to ply about those islands, and myself with the other 4 to sail for Leghorn, to take in some beverage wine and bread, which I have caused to be provided there, and then to proceed for Cape Martin, between which and Furmentera, I have appointed our rendezvous. I desire if you think fit to send more victuals, that they may come away as soon as may be, to prevent a future want. [1¾ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

88. *Articles of Peace concluded by Jno. Stoakes, Commander-in-chief of the English fleet in the Mediterranean Sea, in the name of his Highness the Lord Protector, with Seignior Musa Xerife Bassa, the Duana of Tunis, Haggi Mustapha Dey, and Mahamet Bey, and with the rest of the soldiers in the kingdom of Tunis, this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord* 1657–8.

1. *That all former grievances, losses, and other pretensions between both parties shall be void and of no effect, and from henceforward a firm peace for ever, free trade and commerce, shall be and continue between the subjects of the Protector and the people of the kingdom of Tunis and the dominions thereunto belonging, and the ships of either party shall have free liberty to enter into any port or river belonging to the dominions of the other party, paying duties only for what they shall sell, transporting the rest without trouble or molestation and freely to enjoy any other accustomed privileges, and the late exaction which has been on the lading and unlading of goods at the Goletta and Marine shall be reduced to the ancient customs in those cases.*
2. *That there shall be no seizure of any of the ships of either party at sea or in port, but that they shall quietly pass without molestation, they displaying their colours. But forasmuch as the ships of Tripoli, now in hostility with us, do wear the same colours as the ships of Tunis, for prevention of all inconveniences the ships of Tunis are to have a certificate, under the hand of the English consul there, that they belong to that place, which being produced, the*

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English ship shall admit 4 or 5 men to come on board them peaceably, to satisfy themselves; and although they have passengers of other nations on board them, they shall be free, both they and their goods.

3. *That if any English ships shall receive on board any goods or passengers belonging to the kingdom of Tunis, they shall be bound to defend both them and their goods so far as lies in their power, and not deliver them to the enemy.*
4. *That if any of the ships of either party shall, by accident of foul weather or otherwise, be cast away upon any coast belonging to the other party, the persons shall be free, and the goods saved, and delivered to the proprietors.*
5. *That the English that do at present or shall at any time hereafter inhabit in the city or kingdom of Tunis shall have free liberty, when they please, to transport themselves with their families and children, although born in the country.*
6. *That the people belonging to the dominions of either party shall not be abused with ill language or otherwise ill-treated, but that the parties so offending shall be punished severely, according to desert.*
7. *That the consul or any other of the English nation residing in Tunis shall not be forced to make his address, in any difference, into any court of justice, but unto the Dey himself, from whom only he shall receive judgment.*
8. *That the consul or any other of the English nation shall not be liable to pay the debts of any particular person of the nation, unless obliged thereto under his own hand.*
9. *That all the ships of war belonging to the dominions of either party shall have free liberty to use each other's ports for washing, cleaning, and repairing any of their defects, and to buy and ship off any sort of victuals, alive or dead, or any other necessaries, at the price the natives buy it in the market, without paying custom to any officer.*
10. *That in case any ships of war belonging to Tunis shall take, in any of their enemies' ships, any Englishmen serving for wages, they are to be made slaves; but if merchants or passengers, then they are to enjoy their liberty and goods, free and entire.*
11. *That if any ship of war belonging to the kingdom if Tunis, fighting under his own colours with an English ship not wearing English colours, shall surprise her under the same, the said English ship shall be prize, notwithstanding the peace.*

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12. *That in case any slave in the kingdom of Tunis, of any nation whatever, shall make his escape, and get on board any ship belonging to the dominions of the said Lord Protector, the English consul shall not be liable to pay his ransom, unless timely notice has been given him to order that no such be entertained; and then if it appear that any slave has so got away, the consul is to pay his patron the price for which he was sold in the market, and if no price be cut, then to pay* 300 *dollars and no more.*

These articles are to remain firm for ever without any alteration. [2½ *pages.*]

88. II. *List of* 72 *captives redeemed at Tunis the* 8*th of Feb.* 1657–8, *including* 3 *women.* [1¼ *pages; see also I.* 78, *pp.* 593–5.]

Feb. 27. / March 9. Brussels. Earl of Norwich to Sec. Nicholas. The King is not yet come, though we expected him till 8 p.m., and most of his servants arrived by the boat. We think that not finding his coach ready by 4 a.m., he—not having been in bed all night because he would be in the ship by 5—stayed for the Duke of York, who had not come from Breda. "As for my father, the Duke of Gloucester," he is not to come to us here, nor with us for England, where our new comers from Antwerp assure us we shall speedily be, though I see small likelihood of it, as to any assistance hence which should give England encouragement to rise first, without which I give my hopes for dead. Yet our politicians say all is sure, and we shall away speedily.

I fear we are not to the bottom of our affairs on this side the seas or that. If they in England rise not till we be ready to assist them, the Lord help us, for vain is the help of man. My baroness is said to have furnished her 2 brothers with 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.* between them. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 28. / March 10. [Antwerp.] S. Fox to Sec. Nicholas. We have to-day received 5,000 florins, from which I shall pay M. Rutlott, and shall keep the rest till you dispose of it. I shall pay your son Edward the postage of the last 2 months.

Both the dukes arrived on Monday at 2 p.m., leaving Breda that morning. Sir C. Cotterell came yesterday, and is better of his ague. I am sorry for Lord Napier. I have no order for him, and I do not wonder at it, for we are in a distracted condition for want of money. We want the King's goods very much. I believe he will take his house at Bruges 1 or 2 quarters more. [1¾ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 28. / March 1. Antwerp. Sir Chas. Cotterell to Sec. Nicholas, Bruges. Lord Bristol and his daughter and son-in-law are here, also Lord Taaffe, but Lord Newburgh has not appeared since he fought with and hurt Capt. Breame. There have been challenges between Mr. Stanley and

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[Sir] Jas. Hamilton about a jest, and between Benion and Silvius about an old play debt, but both prevented.

At the ball at Lord Newcastle's was the Duchess of Lorraine and her son and daughter, with the King and his brothers and sister, several French people, and some of the town. The King was brought in with music, and all being placed, Major Mohun, the player, in a black satin robe and garland of bays, made a speech in verse of his lordship's own poetry, complimenting the King in his highest hyperbole. Then there was dancing for 2 hours, and then Lady Moore, dressed in feathers, came in and sang a song of the same author's, set and taught him by Nich. Lanier. Then was the banquet brought in in 8 great chargers, each borne by 2 gentlemen of the Court, Mr. Erskine, Darcy, Sir W. Fleming, Sir Gilb. Talbot, &c., and others bringing wines, drinks, &c. Then they danced again 2 hours more, and Major Mohun ended all with another speech, prophesying his Majesty's re-establishment.

The day before M. Marsine received the order of the Garter at Mr. Harvey's. The George was put on by the King, the Garter and cloak by Sir Edw. Walker. My master [the Duke of Gloucester] was also knighted in the chapter held for the other's election. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

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March $\frac{1}{11}$. Brussels. Thos. Ross to Sec. Nicholas. *Lord Newcastle* continued the discourse I told you of so long that it reached the ear of *the Lord Chancellor*, who told *the King*, and both were much offended. They checked *Newcastle* gently, but were severe on his intelligencers, *Elliot* and honest Will Love; but *Newcastle* and *the King* parted kindly, *the King* having real kindness for him, rather pitying his weakness than forgetting his inadvertency, and the malice of those who informed him, who are great decriers of this business, and in that satisfy the humours of *Newcastle* and of his wife, who swears that the affair can not and shall not be effected without her husband.

I hope that the affair is in a better way than was believed, for I hear that 20 butts of sack (*men-of-war ?*) are brought to Overell (*Ostend ?*), and more are on the way. The guide, who was G. *Hollis'* friend, and came from *England* to Richston (*Rotterdam ?*) is sent to, and will be ready on call.

Your friend Mr. Eager is very diligent, especially with his new-made companion in the order of the Garter, who is very cordial to him, and has all ready on his part.

Mr. Hopton is gone to Rotterdam to fetch 2 friends of his, the Colts, from England. [1½ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 2. **1.** Petition of the inhabitants of Mary Ottery, co. Devon, to the Protector. Our parish is a whole hundred, a great market, has 6,000 souls, and one large church, but our minister has only 20*l.*

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a year. We greatly need another minister. Our tithes are worth 300*l.* a year, ⅓ of which was received by the governor of the poor knights of Windsor, in accordance with an Ordinance of 2 Sept. 1654, whereby these and other tithes are vested in them, with proviso that all receipts above 1,186*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.* should remain at your disposal.

On our petition last May, you granted us 200*l.* a year out of the tithes as soon as they should come into hand, to be settled on 2 godly ministers. The tithes of Thorne Mow, &c., held by the said governors are worth 100*l.* a year, and the other tithes, worth 200*l.*, are held on a pretended lease, expiring in 3 years. We beg a warrant for a patent settling them on our ministers. Signed, Fras. Young. With reference thereon to the Governors of Windsor Castle Almshouses to relieve the petitioners, or to state the case and certify thereon to his Highness. [1½ *sheets.*] *Annexing,*

1. I. *Report by the said Governors, stating that the yearly payments charged upon the said tithes are* 1,286*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, *i.e.*, 200*l.* *to the Commissioners for Approbation of Preachers, and the balance for other officers and poor knights of Windsor, and request for a further allowance for repair of the chapel, further encouragement of the minister in the town, who has but* 60*l.* *a year, and* 4 *augmentations to the ministers of those places whence the revenue arises, most of which are without ministers. Windsor Castle,* 3 *June* 1658. [1 *sheet.*]

1. II. *Balance sheet of accounts, showing that there is due to the Governors from* 29 *Sept.* 1654 *to* 25 *March* 1658 4,346*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, *of which they have received only* 3,896*l.* 18*s.* 7½*d.*, *though the rents due are* 4,484*l.* 9*s.* 0*d.* [1 *sheet.*]

March 2. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings. In his Highness's lodgings.

1. Col. Biscoe, Lieut.-Col. Styles, Col. Hum. Brewster, Maj. Burton, Capt. Preston, Mr. Emperor, and Thos. Gooch, to examine the information given against Bailiff England of Yarmouth, by a letter from Capt. White, and another information against him concerning words spoken by him, learn the reasons of his being removed from his place in 1649, and report. [*J.* 78, *p.* 476.]

March 3. Emanuel College, Cambridge. **2.** Testimonials of Wm. Dillingham and 6 others of the college in favour of Sam. Bringest, B.A., for 5 years pupil there, as to his diligence in his studies. [*Latin and English.* 1 *page.*]

March $\frac{3}{13}$. Brussels. Sir Gilb. Talbot to Sec. Nicholas. I am sorry I cannot obey you and wait on you at Bruges, for I hear our master will not return there to live, and if we have any hopes this spring of moving nearer home, I must wait close, that I may have the more time to fit myself for my journey; but I can discern no appearance of this, though others are sanguine. Don John treats us in all things as though he purposed to drive us out of the country. He has written to the King against Col. Blagge as severely as though he desired to call him to justice, but the chief circumstances appear false.

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Caracena and Gamarra visited the King, and he visited Caracena and Don Alonso, but if I have any skill in countenances, all things are not right.

A ridiculous report came from Amsterdam of the death of Rich. Cromwell, and the flight of the old one out of London. Lord Gerard has arrived from France, Lord Norwich is discontented, and your brother secretary [Earl of Bristol] not much credited at Don John's court.

P.S.—It is said that Ormond is in England. Matters are not rightly carried. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{3}{13}$. Brussels. S. Fox to Nicholas. Your letters are delayed if they pass the Resident's hand. I spoke to the King last night about the reformadoes; he is earnest for their relief, and has ordered them credit for another month; but I can find no other way to do this than to write to my wife to send for the French cook, and try whether she can dispose him to furnish them for a month longer, before which doubtless there will either be relief or action for them. Send the names of those that should have the benefit of this favour, as some are gone, and others paid clear off.

His Majesty was busy with affairs yesterday. M. Marsine was with him in the morning, and they went together to Don John in the Park, the usual place of meeting, and Marquis Caracena and Don Estevan de Gamarra came to him in the afternoon.

We hear of a mutiny of Cromwell's soldiers so great that they killed his son, who was sent to appease them. I do not believe this, but he stands very ill with his army.

When the Princess leaves Breda, the Duke of Gloucester comes here, if the King can send him money to bring him and to put his *menage* into order. It is said the clergy intend to raise men for this campaign, but their number is not fixed. The Archbishop consents to our using our own butcher this Lent, which is very convenient, or we should have had more to pay. There is little talk of our returning to Bruges. Sir H. de Vic is ordered to leave this house, and find a lodging elsewhere. [4 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 3. London. Levant Company to Chas. Longland, Leghorn. Hearing that the Turks demand 75,000 rix dollars for the provisions carried away by Capt. Ell, and that the goods already returned prove very short of that sum, we suspect that the captain has used much fraud, and are confirmed thereon by his refusal to discover the true state thereof. We hear that he has sold at sea great parcels of rice and other goods which were part of these provisions, and that most of the coffee now at Leghorn, being 200 bales, belongs to the same account. We beg you to pursue the Protector's order, in returning what remains of the Grand Seignior's provisions there, and in order thereto, to secure the coffee till it be proved in whom the property lies, or any goods of the Captain, who ought to be responsible for his offence, that all may be done for salving so rash an attempt, and preventing the seizure of our estates in Turkey, and the dangers

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attending thereon. Thanks for your great care herein. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 303.]

March 4. London. Levant Company to Roger Middleton, Morea. In ours of 19 Nov., we mentioned our resolution to manage the Morea trade by a joint stock, that it might not be appropriated to a few, but that all of the Company who pleased might have an interest therein. For the better advantage of the stock, we have, by a general court, imposed a penalty of 20 per cent. on all particular trade distinct from the same.

As, till a few days back, we had not received the least intimation whether you accepted the consulship on the terms agreed on here, before your letter of 24 Nov. arrived, we had, by a general court, dismissed you from that charge, and elected Rich. Holdip to undertake the same. We send this intimation that you may give up to him the capitulations, &c. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 302.]

March 4. London. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish. To like effect. We beg you to suppress a corsair, who has lately sprung up at Lepanto, and committed depredations. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 302.]

March $\frac{4}{14}$. Lord Newburgh to his father, Sec. Nicholas. I want a French pass, which the King promises to sign, for bringing my pictures and goods from Cologne; the pass must run as though they were his Majesty's goods. Neither the Lord Chancellor nor his son has the form of those passes. I am still attending here, but cannot get any relief for our poor soldiers. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{5}{15}$. Brussels. Sir Gilb. Talbot to his adopted father Sec. Nicholas. Lord Norwich courts on, though he is laid aside to all serious purposes.

No oracle was ever more consulted than the Lord Chancellor, and now we are to believe that in 15 days we shall go towards our business. Lord Bristol has an ague. Toby Rustal is well again. Sir H. de Vic is to seek lodgings out of Court, for the pride of his woman, who would be as good as Lady Hyde. Our master was very cheerful all yesterday, though he had complaints that the bread was denied to his regiments, nor can he get from the Spaniards a penny of his pension, which is 6 months in arrear, besides the 3 months advanced, which they said should not be deducted, and all the expense he has been at for the regiments. At least Mr. Fox pretends this, yet some men abound while others want. Lord Ormond's business is not well carried. It is in everybody's mouth. [*Extracts, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{5}{15}$. [Paris.] [Percy Church to Sec. Nicholas.] Lord Gerard left here on Friday and has passed through Cambray. Is Lord Croft's patent made out? The title is given him by all. The world thinks the King of Spain contributes much to the King's affairs, particularly Cromwell, whose fears and jealousies are great. His reasons for dissolving Parliament are:—1. Denial of money. 2. Preparation in all counties of petitions against the present Government. 3. The officers of his army speak boldly to him and begin to cabal. Some say that the counties refuse to make new elections; that Sir Chas. Howard, captain of his guard, and Col. White, an officer, are sent to the Tower; that Monk in Scotland

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refuses to obey Cromwell's orders; and that the New East India Company cannot furnish the Protector with 500,000*l.* as promised. [*Extract, French correspondence,* 1659.]

March $\frac{5}{15}$, Paris. Sir Rich. Browne to [Sec. Nicholas]. The Dean of Peterborough is debarred access to the Earl of Lichfield, through the earl's lodging in the house of Lord Aubigny, his uncle, but he promises to come often to prayers when he has got a coach, and to be very constant in his religion, saying that his uncle will not interfere with it; but I do not hold him over secure, as his governor, Mr. Quin, is a declared Papist. God keep him as firm in his old religion as another earl seems to be in his, to which he is newly converted. He told me Lockhart might drive him out of France, but should never have his boy. He is treating to go and serve the Pope.

There are local whispers of large sums received by the King, and of great preparations for an invasion both by sea and land. I hope it is true, and wish it were secret. Is M. Marsine Knight of the Garter, and is the Duke of Buckingham in Holland?

A letter from England says that disorders are great, and 9 regiments have revolted from Cromwell. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

March $\frac{5}{15}$. Saumur. **3.** Susanne Poictevin to Williamson. Condolences on the recent loss [of the provost of Queen's College, Oxford]. Use your strength of mind to resign yourself to the will of God. All things turn to the good of those who love him. [1 *page, French, damaged.*]

March $\frac{5}{15}$. Saumur. **4.** Marie Bouchereau to Williamson. The death of our friends is the greatest evil that can come to us. I wish I could console you, but I can only pray for you. M. Amirault is much better, but M. Capel still very weak. For academy and church we have only M. Beaujardin left. [2 *pages.*]

March 5. Petty France. **5.** Lord Scudamore to the President of Council. On his Highness's Proclamation for all of the late King's party to leave London, I beg to acquaint you that being ill all winter, I have removed with part of my family from Herefordshire, to be with a physician who has long known me, and who thinks a humour and pain in my leg would be much increased by such a journey. I therefore beg leave to remain here in my own house, till I have finished my course of physic. [*Holograph,* 1 *page.*]

March 6. Order in Council that he be allowed to remain in about London and Westminster, the late Proclamation notwithstanding. [*I.* 78, *p.* 478.]

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His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. His Highness informs Council that an officer of the new militia, co. Berks, having disarmed a disaffected person, was convented before Geo. Starkey, a justice of peace, and by him bound over to the next assizes.

2. The Serjeant-at-arms to take Starkey into custody. With the warrant therefor. [*I.* 114, *p.* 109.]

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3, 4.* Order on a letter from the Admiralty Commissioners, imparting that great quantities of hemp are endeavoured to be exported, that the Customs' Commissioners be required not to accept any entries of hemp, nor to allow it to be exported, without further order. *Annexing,*

6. *The Admiralty Commissioners to Sec. Thurloe. We send you the enclosed, as being of great importance to the service, and beg you to inform his Highness and Council, in order that some speedy and effectual course may be taken.* 6 *March* 1657–8. [1 *page.*]

6. I. *Customs' Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. As the wisdom of the State has thought fit to prevent the export of saltpetre, lest it should prove useful to our enemies, we acquaint you that great endeavours are being used to export to Holland great quantities of hemp, imported with much hazard; it is bought up and shipped, but not yet departed out of the river. Custom House, London.* 5 *March* 1657–8. [¾ *page.*]

5.* **7.** The Admiralty Commissioners to enquire what quantity of saltpetre and hemp are in and about London, and how they may be obtained for the State's use, to use effectual means to obtain them, and to report.

6. The petition of Arthur Bettesworth, merchant of London, read.

7. The petition of the President and Governor for the poor of London referred to Lord Chamberlain, Montague, Jones, Fleetwood, Strickland, and Mr. Secretary, to hear the officers of the Ordinance thereon, and report.

8. Montague to report next Tuesday concerning the 17,000*l.* advanced on the farming of custom and excise in Ireland, and how it has been disposed of.

9.* The Trustees for sale of forfeited Lands to forbear sale of the lordships of Kerry, Kedwin, Halciter, and Montgomery, co. Montgomery, sometime the estate of Sir Percy Herbert, and now of Lord Powis, till further order.

13.* **8.** The Committee on Ely House business to report to Council on Tuesday, and meantime the Navy Commissioners to see that the money formerly ordered to their treasurer is paid.

14.* To empower the Army Committee, out of the 210,000*l.* assessment money for December 1657—June 1658, part of 3 years' assessment, to issue 8,000*l.* a month for forces in Ireland, 11,400*l.* a month for Scotland, and the rest for England.

15. Approval by the Protector of 18 orders, from 17 December 1657 to 23 February 1657–8. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 477–480.]

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9. Alex. Calander to Williamson, Paris. I never valued my letters till they procured me your friendship. I did not think words could produce such an effect, which I value beyond anything in this world. From my respect for you, I would not oblige that gentleman with another of your pupils.

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I condole with you on the loss of your worthy friend at Oxford. We hope Amirault will recover, his thigh-bone being neither broken nor dislocated, as first reported. Private affairs. [4 *pages, damaged.*]

March $\frac{7}{17}$. Anjou. **10.** John Chebard to Williamson, Paris. I grieve with you about Langbaine's death. It is a loss to literature, for he would have done greater things; but he will not wholly die, his name will still live.

Thanks for the little book you sent me. I have read the elegant verses on the death of Alph. Mancini, and the eulogy on Card. Mazarin, but the writer has erected a rude wooden statue to the prince to whom he had vowed a golden one. I do not care about Maubon's work, but you will read and judge of it. [1 *page, Latin.*]

March $\frac{7}{17}$. Brussels. Earl of Norwich to [Sec. Nicholas]. The Duke of Gloucester comes here as soon as my Baroness leaves Breda. It is reported that Ormond has been in England, but has returned. From Holland they prohibit arms and ammunition for our master's service in those parts, so fearful are they of displeasing that villain Cromwell. They did the same when the Queen, our mistress, left the Hague for the north of England. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{8}{18}$. Brussels. S. Fox to [Sec. Nicholas]. I can write but little amongst so much talk here. Most believe we are going into England, but I cannot discover the least probability thereof, and we are in the greatest want that ever I saw this Court, nor have I any hope of our arrears, part of which is due to his Majesty. It may be done as a disguise, but it is a very unpleasant one to me, to be forced to shift when I am at the end of my credit, and the day is come for large payments, which have been staved off all this while. But I still hope satisfaction for the King, and all his business men are constantly and cheerfully busy. Col. Phillips has come from Antwerp; Col. Blagge goes for Holland. The Duke of Gloucester is not to come here till the Princess removes for Holland.

The King will hardly live at Bruges any more, but he cannot remove his family and goods till we get money, from which I will repay the moneys you have advanced for the reformados. I am sorry for your indisposition. [3 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 9. **11.** Petition of Adrian Scrope to Council. Having served the late King in the wars, I am liable to the penalty of the Proclamation if I remain in town, but am so ill that I cannot stir without danger of life. I beg leave to remain under my physician's hands. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

11. I. *Certificate by Dr. Fras. Prujean to his dangerous illness, requiring constant attendance this spring, or his recovery is doubtful.* 4 *March* 1657-8. [½ *page.*]

March 9. Order that he be allowed to remain about London and Westminster, the late Proclamation notwithstanding. [*I.* 78, *p.* 481.]

March 9. **12.** Petition of David, Earl of Wemys, for the coal owners in Scotland, to the Protector. From a sense of the impending ruin of

1657–8. the coal owners, I have taken a tedious journey from Scotland to supplicate against the exaction of 4*s.* a ton from natives, which is the intrinsic value of the same, and 8*s.* a ton from strangers, which is double the intrinsic value of the said coals, by pretext of the late Act for establishing of the subsidy of tonnage and poundage. As coals are one of the best staple commodities of the nation, thousands of families having their whole subsistence therefrom, and as I cannot long be dispensed from my charge as High Sheriff of the County of Fife, I beg an order to the Commissioners for Customs and Excise in Scotland to accept from the coal owners such a proportionable part of the value of coals for the subsidy thereof as they do of other commodities. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

12. I. *List of* 18 *reasons by the Earl of Wemys against the said imposition on coals in Scotland, which will ruin* 20,000 *poor and the shipping of the nation.* [$1\frac{1}{3}$ *pages.*]

12. II. *Statement by the Earl of Wemys and Martin Noel, farmers of the customs on coal, of their consent to the following expedient: That during the present lease, only* 2*s.* 6*d. a ton shall be exacted from the Scots for export of coal, and* 5*s. from strangers, until Parliament makes some other order. With request that his Highness will deduct a proportionable part from the rent to be paid by Noel on his farm of the said customs.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

March 9. Order in Council on a report on the above agreement, and on Wemys' petition and reasons that the abatement requested be allowed, and that the Customs' Commissioners consider what reduction of rent ought to be allowed to Noel according to the provisoes of the contract. Approved 15 March. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 481, 483.]

[March 9.] **13.** Note of a proviso that this order is to be for the great coals only, and the small coal to pay 2*s.* and 4*s.* a ton. [$\frac{1}{4}$ *page.*]

March 9. **14.** Petition of Rob. Seaman, surgeon, to the Protector and Council. I send a return from the Commissioners for sick and wounded to the Admiralty Commissioners, and their report on my case [*see* 11 *Feb.* 1657–8]. I acknowledge their sense of my pains in their tendering to you the allowance of 10*s.* a man for the 125 soldiers sent from Mardike to Harwich, though had they been private patients, 40*s.* had been too little. I have made 2 journeys to London on this business, spending 8 weeks at great charge and loss of practice at home. I hear that divers sick seamen set ashore at Harwich long for my return, not being content with my substitute. I beg that I may forthwith receive the money, and return to their content. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

14. I. *Report by the Commissioners for sick and wounded that there is due to him for the burial of* 22 *men,* 7*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.; for the removal of one to London,* 2*s.* 6*d. For quarters, he asks* 12*d. a day, which should be granted on account of the infection of their diseases, and the great mortality among the inhabitants who quartered them, which comes to*

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191*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*, *but at* 8*d. a day would be but* 127*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.*; *and that for his pains he should have* 10*s. a man, being* 62*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* *Little Britain, 24 February* 1657–8. [*Copy,* ⅔ *page.*]

14. II. *Report of the Admiralty Commissioners, being an abstract of the preceding.* 26 *February* 1657–8. [⅔ *page.*]

[March 9.] Order thereon for payment of these sums, amounting to 261*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* Approved 23 March. [*I.* 78, *p.* 484.]

March 9. **15.** Petition of Edw. Charleton, of Hesly side, co. Northumberland, to the Protector and Council, for liberty to stay [in London] whither he was forced by his creditors to make a tedious journey to procure money to pay his great debts, which cannot be done without residence for some time. Will give security for his deportment if required. [½ *page.*]

March 9. Note of license granted, the late Proclamation notwithstanding. [*I.* 78, *p.* 488.]

[March 9.] **16.** Petition of the minister and inhabitants of South Ockenden, Essex, to the Protector. On 21 June 1652, the steeple of our church was fired by lightning, the bells and leads melted, and the church consumed, except the chancel. The repairs will cost 2,200*l.*, much more than we can raise. We therefore beg a patent for a collection in London and Westminster, and many adjacent counties. Signed by Mary Saltonstall, the patroness, and 6 others. With reference 19 January 1657–8 to Privy Council. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

16. I. *Certificate by John Attwood and* 3 *other justices of peace to the truth of the petition, but dating the fire in July* 1653. [¾ *page.*]

March 9. Order thereon in Council for a patent for London and Westminster, Essex and Suffolk. [*I.* 78, *p.* 491.]

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4. A draft proclamation from the Committee on money affairs for better levying of excise read, agreed on, and to be sent to his Highness.

8. The petition of Rich. Higgenson, citizen of London, for the parishes of Bispham, Poulton, Hambleton, Plumpton Stolming, and Goosnargh, in Amounderness, co. Lancaster — that Bispham is an ancient parish of large extent, of 160 families, situate in a remote part of the country near the sea, very poor and ignorant, from having no able minister to instruct them, as the maintenance is but 6*l.* a year, the impropriation belongs to a Papist, and the patron is not known; that the parish church has long been ruinous, but that the petitioners have repaired it and will settle some sum to help to maintain a minister, and also to build a free school there, if some encouragement of maintenance be given — referred to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, to treat with the petitioner as to what he will settle, consider what augmentation they can allow, and report.

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10. The petition of John St. Aubyn referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to send to Col. Robt. Bennett and others for information as to what title the State has to Michael's Mount, and report.

11. Order on report on the petition of Col. Rich. Lawrence [*see* 29 *Sept.* 1657] that in full discharge of his arrears in England and Ireland a lease for 99 years, of lands value 100*l.* a year clear, in cos. Dublin, Kildare, and Cork, be granted him, on a small rent, and that a letter be written to the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland accordingly.

12. Also that they be requested to consider Lawrence's address for the lease for 21 years of a house and lands formerly demised to him for 7 years. Approved 23 March. *Annexing,*

17. *Report on which the former order is grounded.* [1 *page.*]

17. I. *Draft of the above report.* [1 *pages.*]

13. **18.** The petition of several Eastland merchants referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to hear the petitioners, and report.

14. The petition of the master and wardens of the Company of Brewers of London and Westminster, &c., and others using that trade, and the paper called "The complaints and grievances of the brewers of London and others," referred to the Excise Commissioners, to report.

15. Approval of the augmentation by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 10*l.* to the minister of Orton, co. Cumberland. Approved by the Protector 23 March.

16. Whereas by Act of Parliament the Committee for removing Obstructions in the sale of Bishop's lands, Crown lands, and lands forfeited for treason, are allowed incidental charges, and the Trustees, Treasurers, &c., are to obey their order, and the present Commissioners, viz., William Lord Robartes, Rob. Aldworth, Fras. Mussenden, and Hen. Pitt, have not received any salary for 3 years:—Order that they issue warrants for payment of 1,200*l.* to be divided amongst them, and that henceforth they have 200*l.* a piece yearly. Also that during the ensuing year, they sit 3 times a week every term, and a week before and after term.

19. On report of a letter to Mr. Secretary from the Council in Scotland, concerning money supposed to remain due to the State on an account stated in Scotland for money received by the Deputy War-treasurers there, of whom Mr. Bilton stands committed in Scotland, and Drywood is in custody of the Serjeant-at-arms;—order that Drywood be sent to Scotland in custody to perfect the account.

20. To send for Dudley Short of London, to whom Bilton returned great sums of money by exchange, to appear before Desborow, Montague, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Secretary, and Strickland, and answer questions.

21. Blackwell and Deane, War-treasurers, to draw up a statement of the money returned by them to the Deputy-treasurers in Scotland, and the account for it, as far as is known to them.

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22. Lord Chamberlain and Mr. Comptroller to give orders for erection of a guard-house, and appoint a guard at the door leading out of the orchard into Channel Row, for the better security of Whitehall.

24. Order on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners on orders of Council of 23 July and 9 Sept. 1657, and a bill of 347*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.* for 58 badges for his Highness's watermen's coats, for payment thereof to Edw. Backwell, goldsmith of London, out of Council's contingencies. *Annexing,*

19. *Order by the Admiralty Commissioners alluded to.* 15 *Jan.* 1657–8. [⅔ *page.*]

19. I. *Bill alluded to for* 58 *badges and the gilding and colouring of O.P. on each,* 116 *letters,* 347*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.* [⅓ *page.*]

26. An account from Nath. Smith, mayor of Dover, for quartering and diet of 363 sick soldiers from Mardike, which, with burial expenses of 59, 5*l.* for clerks, and 50*l.* for physicians and surgeons, amounts to 384*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*; also another bill from Mr. White, late mayor, for 141*l.* 9*s.* for wheat, straw, freight and charges thereof, and of 30 horses and 8 carts sent to Mardike, and 37*l.* 10*s.* for 25 days' demurrage; in all, 526*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*;—order that the sums be paid.

27. The Committee on Mardike Affairs to consider from what Treasury the 526*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* may best be paid, also the Ordnance officers' bill, and Capt. Taylor's for stores, provisions, and carpenters' work for Mardike, to state the accounts, and report their advice.

28. Order that the Mardike Committee report what should be advanced to Dr. Saltonstall, on his going to Mardike as physician to the forces.

31. **20.** The Admiralty Commissioners to accept a bill of exchange of Capt. John Stoakes on the Navy Treasurer for 1,536*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.*, received of Chas. Longland for the use of his fleet, and to issue a warrant to the Navy Commissioners for its payment. Approved 23 March. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 477–492.] *Annexing,*

20. I. *Bill of exchange alluded to. Leghorn,* 18 *Jan.* 1657–8. [*Scrap.*]

20. II. *Admiralty Commissioners' warrant as ordered.* 25 *March* 1658. [¾ *page.*]

March 9. Proclamation concerning Excise. Whereas 1,300,000*l.* is required for support of the government and defence of these nations against the common enemy and in the war with Spain, and the imposition of excise was found the best way to levy the same, and therefore in the additional Act for Excise, it was ordered that (except in and about London) no fine should be levied for nonpayment of excise, or seizure made by the sub-farmers, except by warrant of 2 or more indifferent justices of peace, who were to examine and determine complaints, and mitigate the penalty in case the fault has been through ignorance or mistake, so that the fine be not less than

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double the value of the excise, beside costs. And whereas for better improvement of the revenue, Parliament made an Act for improvement of Customs and Excise, authorizing a Committee to let to farm the customs and subsidy of tonnage and poundage, and of excise and new impost, and that all contracts made with them, ratified by Council and confirmed under the Great Seal, be valid, on which contracts have been made for many places and ratified, whereby the receipts are more certain.—Yet as divers brewers of London and Westminster and other places, and also vintners, innkeepers, victuallers, &c. gain unjustly by not making true weekly entries of what they brew, and paying the excise thereon, and thus diminish the revenue, and also as divers justices of peace neglect to grant warrants for offenders, and unduly mitigate the penalties;—order that the revenue of excise is to be by all means upheld, and the laws effectually executed; and that the justices of peace are to issue warrants when required, not to mitigate penalties except on appeal, and special notice will be taken of any neglect.

Also whereas several vintners, innkeepers, &c., refuse to give security for true payment of excise of all the beer and ale they make, and yet will make their own, contrary to the Act of 14 Aug. 1649;—order that the justices of peace prosecute the said parties, and levy the penalties of the said Act, and any who refuse to do this shall be reputed as disaffected. All sheriffs, mayors, bailiffs, &c., to cause this Proclamation to be read in their towns and sheriff-wicks on market day, and all officers, civil and military, to assist. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 859–863.]

March 11. **21.** Petition of John Bull, surveyor of estates forfeited for treason, to Council, for an order for payment of 74*l.* 11*s.* due to him, as appears by a report of the Treason Trustees, on reference to them of his petition, 11 Dec. 1656, but which Mr. Barrodale cannot pay without special order, on account of the Ordinance for payment of all moneys into the Exchequer. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

21. I. *Report alluded to. Drury House,* 2 *June* 1657. [1 *page.*]

March 11. Order thereon for payment, the said Ordinance notwithstanding. [*I.* 78, *p.* 495.]

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1. Whereas Council is moved to grant a weekly market at Stony Stratford, co. Bucks, and the return of the information of *ad quod damnum* is that it will not be prejudicial, and the case was referred to the Committee for Charters, who were to hear the opponents of the grant, take examinations, and report, but they have not yet done so;—order that the passing of the grant be respited till the report is made.

3. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on petition of the Eastland Merchants,—that as the hemp mentioned was shipped before the date of the order prohibiting it, the quantity

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being small and the quality inferior, and the owners would suffer much loss by unloading it, they advise license to let it pass;—that the 140 bushels of hemp be allowed to pass accordingly.

9. On petition of Rich. Nutt, master of his Highness's barges, —that he received a note to pay to his Highness's receiver at Salisbury Court, London, a fine of 30*l.* demanded by the Commissioners for New Buildings, for the barge houses as being built on new foundations; that on his representing that they were for the State's use, the Commissioners said they could not take off the sum as it was returned in the Exchequer, but he need not pay it then, and they would survey the other State buildings and estimate them all together; but that they have since threatened to distrain if payment is not made;—order that the Commissioners suspend levying the said fine.

10. A Committee of Council appointed to consider of an augmentation of 50*l.* a year to John Spencer for preaching the Gospel, reporting that the Committee for Approbation of Ministers have approved him to preach at Theobalds, co. Herts;—order to recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle on him the said augmentation. Approved 23 March.

12. The report from the Treasury Commissioners on the petition of Thos. Whitby, Receiver-General of Revenues in cos. Chester, Salop, and Stafford, referred to Strickland, Wolsley, Skippon, Desborow, and Fleetwood, to report.

13. A paper presented by Miles Livesey, concerning Sheppey Island, and a petition from the inhabitants of the Isle of Thanet, co. Kent, concerning their protection from attack from Flanders, referred to Col. Rob. Guibon, to consider the papers and report.

14. Confirmation advised of a contract between the Committee of Parliament for improvement of the Revenue of Customs and Excise and Wm. Dobson and Wm. Hawkins, of Westminster, for a lease of the excise on ale, &c., in Haverfordwest and the 13 counties of North and South Wales for 3 years from 25 March next at 7,000*l.*

15. The petition of John Lowry and Sam. Lead referred to Desborow, Jones, Fleetwood, Strickland, and Mr. Secretary, to report.

16. The petition of Thos. Gery and 8 other creditors named of the late King and Sir Allen Apsley, deceased, read and laid aside.

17. The report from the Treasury Commissioners on Sir Arthur Loftus' petition referred to Lisle, Strickland, Jones, Wolsley, Desborow, and Fleetwood, to enquire concerning the fine of 1,316*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* for Fitzwilliam Coningsby's composition, and when payment may be expected, and report.

18. Order on petition of Sir Oliver Fleming, master of Ceremonies, with a narrative of his condition, to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay him 1,000*l.* gratuity towards the arrears of his salary.

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19. Fleetwood, Desborow, Wolsley, Lord R. Cromwell, Jones, Lisle, and Strickland, to consider the above petition, and report.

20. The 3 horse regiments of Lord Fleetwood, Maj.-Gen. Bridges, and that lately Lord Lambert's being ordered to march up to London to relieve the guards;—order that the Army Committee issue warrants to the Treasurers-at-war for a month's pay to each, to enable them to discharge their quarters in coming up. Approved 23 December. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 492–497.]

March $\frac{11}{21}$. Whitehall. Sec. Thurloe to [Amb. Lockhart]. Our enemies try to represent our condition as distracted, but I do not know the ground for their reports. I have never observed a greater calm than at this time. The army in all the 3 nations are in very good temper, and are now making their addresses to his Highness, assuring him that they will live and die with him in all events, and I am persuaded it comes from their very hearts. There is a lying report that Gen. Monk refused his Highness's order, but there is no colour for it, there being not a man in all the 3 nations more loyal and dutiful to his Highness than he is, nor one to whom his Highness is more indebted for weeding out of the army troublesome and discontented spirits. Our enemies have always made lies their refuge. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

March $\frac{11}{21}$. Caen. T. Mompesson to Sec. Nicholas. Thanks for yours and the prediction, which may come true, being on the side of so just a cause. I am transported to find that there are means in hand for effecting it, and would hazard my life in its execution. I have with me Mr. Hunt, who, had he not escaped, would have been beheaded the next day at Ilchester for the same business that I was in at Salisbury, and has shown more affection to the cause than I could do, being too young in the first war. We both think if we could slip into your own country, we could do more service by getting our friends together than by mere personal service. We are most willing to run that risk, so as to have foot in stirrup with the first, but will not presume to do it without your warrant. Col. Bowle, who is in Low Normandy, would also be ready. I am sorry my former news, written by a counsellor of the Parliament of Paris, is not true.

I am heartily sorry for the death of the Earl of Rochester, and hope the King will lose no more of his friends now when there is occasion for them.

We hardly know what news from England to believe, but some say that one of the members of the Lower House told Cromwell that there was no need of a House of Lords without a King, and if they *must* have a King they would have the right one, which I pray God to put into the hearts of the whole nation. [2½ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{11}{21}$. Middleburg. Thomas, Lord Wentworth, to [Sec. Nicholas]. I am sorry for your indisposition. My wife writes me that her cousin, Col. Rogers, is retaken, and clapped up in some prison, but she does not

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say what. I hear that Cromwell talks of calling another Parliament, and has given over the thought of being crowned. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{1}$. Brussels. Sir Edw. Walker to [Sec. Nicholas]. The King and persons in trust speak confidently of a speedy attempt on England, but when I consider the time of the year, no preparation visible on our part, and too much on Cromwell's, I cannot believe we shall attempt anything this spring. If we are to tide out another year here, Lord have mercy upon us! I do not despair but that the discontents in England may give his Majesty some advantage, so that he shall less need foreign aid, and only owe the cure to those that gave him the wound.

Ostend is taken, and a fleet is coming for our use from Holland, but the Spaniards say that shall not hinder their intended assistance. Don John, on information of the burgomasters of Dixmude complained that Col. Blagge forced them to an agreement, and did not punish some who robbed a church, and that his soldiers pulled down several houses. He has made a satisfactory defence, and is gone for Holland.

Mr. Langley complains that not being on the list, he had not the same assistance as the other reformed officers, but the King has ordered it, and Fox has written to his wife to assist Langley to the same proportion as the others have had. A Placaert is issued, forbidding commerce with England, and speaking kindly of our master, but if it is to be an advantage, why was not it published sooner?

I am sorry for your illness. I wish you had your due share in the conduct of affairs. Lord Berkeley's promotion has hastened Lord Langdale's, and revived that for Mr. Crofts, whose patent for baron is now drawing.

P.S.—$\frac{1}{2}\frac{2}{2}$ March. The difference between Don John and Caracena, which has so obstructed our affairs, is now composed. The King was a long time with Don John yesterday, but not with much satisfaction, as I gathered by his countenance. Though all the talk is of going speedily for England, the Duke of York prepares for another campaign. The King is pressed to go for England the end of this month, or all will be lost. Our forwardness for it is too visible. Col. Stephens came last night, but whence or what he brings is a secret. [4½ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{1}{2}\frac{2}{2}$. Brussels. Sir G. Talbot to Sec. Nicholas. In answer to your queries, as to the time of our setting out on this great business, you have good reason to doubt that it will not be within 15 days, from the want of a rendezvous, the ill usage of the few men we have, the improbability of getting the many more required, and the difficulty of procuring and launching a fleet. Yet M. Marsine gives it out confidently that we shall be at the waterside this month, and the King would have us believe it; though I think it will take longer.

As there are 15,000 arms in Thomson's hands for us, and others in Holland ready to be sent, I think a competent body will not be wanting. The great obstruction is the rebels' strength at sea. Yet

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our wise Vice-Admiral thinks if the King puts forth his flag and summons the rebel fleet, the greatest part will come over to him; but this is not to be depended upon. Gamarra provided the Holland vessels, and little Sir John was offended that the employment was taken out of his hands, and said he could have got them cheaper. This Gamarra resents, and Sir John's great patron has forbidden him his evening club lest he use intemperate expressions.

The King and Lord Chancellor are fully satisfied that the Spaniards intend the business seriously, but I think that, unless they have some great encouragement, such as a rising in England, or the declaration of the Hollanders in our favour, they will seem to prepare for us, but make the whole preparation serve for their own defence. They are too wise to run their heads against the wall for any importunities.

Our friends in England may probably have the same good inclinations, yet not so warm as to thrust them upon any action, till they see more forwardness abroad. The King cannot get a penny from the Spaniard, but goes all upon credit, and if not relieved by 6 April, will be bankrupt to all who have credited him for his expenses, which are as extravagant as ever I saw them since his exile.

Col. Philips refuses to wait on his master because he will not join with Mr. Griffith. Your undutiful son, Lane, is daily at court. Sir Jas. Hamilton is to go for England. If our journey there is disappointed, I cannot advise you where to fix your jointure house, for our great man will not declare that point, but I do not think the King will return to Bruges. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{12}{22}$. Brussels. S. Fox to [Sec. Nicholas]. I hope our great business may not end in discourse. The King has been very industrious since he came, and is for the most part in continual business, but has got no money, only fair promises. The Duke of York, who was not more behind, has had 9,000 florins within these 4 days, and the Prince of Condé is gone to Antwerp for 104,000 crowns from Spain. If our turn come not shortly as promised, it will make the King very uneasy, as he is called upon from all hands for debts now fallen due. Lord Bristol will go to Antwerp to-day if well enough. Sir H. de Vic has been to Antwerp, and I am confident has brought some money, yet I do not believe it will be put into my hands, or perhaps disposed of till the Spaniards do something for us; this money comes not from them, and the false reports that the King has money by other means has prevented supplies from them. They are glad of any pretence to delay parting with money. Sir H. de Vic removes to-day, so our quarters will be enlarged, and I hope the King will decide about his family and goods. [3 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{12}{22}$. [Paris.] [Percy Church to Sec. Nicholas]. Last week Cromwell set forth a most strict proclamation, for all Cavaliers and Papists to retire from London by 12 March on pain of being proceeded against as delinquents; "800 horse are constantly now quartered in St. Paul's

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Church, and the army being in and about London, all guards are doubled, and Monk's still refusal of coming to London much troubles Cromwell, as likewise the King's preparation of shipping, though our frigates have lately taken some of them upon the coast of Flanders, and that France (as fame says) hath lent us 100,000*l.*, for that will not long serve our turns." [*Extract, French correspondence*, 1659.]

March 12. Edinburgh. **22.** Declaration from the Protector, stating the claim of Anna, Duchess of Hamilton, and William Earl of Selkirk, her husband, to the estates of James, Duke of Hamilton, her father, as detailed at length, the entail granting them to the Earl of Abercorn only on failure of heirs male or female of William, Duke of Hamilton, and heirs male of Anna, Duchess of Hamilton, and her sister, Susanna; and the grant of the whole estate being made by charter to Anna, Duchess of Hamilton, as nearest heir, and her heirs male; also summoning James, Earl of Abercorn, and James, Lord Paisley, his son, to appear before the Council of Scotland, to answer for molesting her in possession thereof, and commanding them to desist therefrom in future. Endorsed with declarations by Wm. Hamilton, messenger, of his having read this summons in public, and affixed it at the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and the shore and pier of Leith. 23 April and 5 May 1658. [4½ *sheets, stitched together.*]

March 15. Approval by the Protector of an order of 9 March. [*I.* 78, *p.* 498.]

March $\frac{15}{25}$. Brussels. S. Fox to [Sec. Nicholas]. I am sorry for your illness. Our condition mends very slowly, if at all. There is not so much discourse of our designs. Money is still delayed, and all our master's pressing and earnestness brings only promises, which they break with customary ease.

The Duke of York is to go again to Breda, to see the Princess. There is no probability of our return to Bruges, but we cannot send for the goods, till we have money to remit thither, and then I will send what you have disbursed and lent.

P.S. Lord Bristol has been ill, but he began his journey to his quarters last Friday. [*Extracts, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{15}{25}$. Bruges. Earl of Norwich to Sec. Nicholas, Bruges. Thanks for yours. I rely entirely on your judgment, having had so long experience of it, besides obligations to you never to be forgotten. Let us live to God, and not be as salt that has lost its savour.

I think with you that Cromwell will not hold long where and as he is, but it must be rather from what he is loaded with at home than what is likely to fall upon him from hence. I cannot with my best spectacles discover any probable ground for our passing the seas this spring, and I am told that within these 24 hours the King begins to think so too, whatever he says to the contrary, and that he is beginning, like the Duke of York, to prepare for the next campaign, and thinking how to live in the interim, which is a sad and shrewd symptom.

Your brother secretary's astrological prognostications comforted us not. He is now at Antwerp. I fear some blow new

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coldness between the 2 brothers [the King and Duke of York]. God prevent it, and correct the puffers of it. We are in a sad case, and run aground on a sad coast, all being in distraction and division amongst the governors here. I am confident there is a kind of treaty between Cromwell and these people, as well in Spain as in these parts and in England. All our friends in England are excellently well prepared, but those here will not believe it till they see the effects, nor will they there stir till assured, on better notice than private emissaries, that a good succour is ready to set forth from hence; so between this and that, where are we? Our good lord-lieutenant is said to be returned to Zealand. What has become of his negotiation in England? [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 15. **23.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I have forwarded your enclosures. Mr. Norris is gone for Weston. Business transactions. Your books in France pay no custom, neither did we, till bishops and learning were made malignant by the Long Parliament. We want some copies of Sir Kenelm Digby's tracts. Particulars of books.

Last week the Protector sent for the Lord Mayor and Common Council, and made them a speech above 2 hours. Having dissolved Parliament, because it was led aside by some turbulent spirits, he gave us to understand the dangers we were in; 10,000 men were ready to be shipped in Flanders. The Duke of Ormond had been here incognito, and now James Duke of York was somewhere in the North. Knowing not how soon these may be wafted over, he wished the City to put their militia in a posture of defence with all speed, which he intends all the nation over.

Much more was said, how he had protected us from the designs of most of our late Parliament, all which we like well, if he calls for no more money than the late Parliament exacted. If he had not dissolved that short Parliament, which some call the Blue Parliament, all your college lands would have been sold.

We think that, on the judges' return from their circuits, we may see something more done. Some say he is jealous of Monk, who refuses to come out of Scotland, but report says that Monk is well beloved by officers and soldiers, and that they will not let him go till they are paid, which will not be in haste. College news. [2 *pages.*]

March 16. London. **24.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. I am just going to Weston. Mr. Robinson and I drank your health in claret. Send me word if you want any of your debt returned. I wish you a good passage when you come. [1 *page.*]

[March 16.] **25.** Petition of Rich. Tomlyns, Baron of the Exchequer, to the Protector. By your warrant of 1 February 1654–5, you required Gualter Frost to pay me 500*l.* for 3 years' salary, at 163*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a year, but Mr. Frost still refuses to pay, saying that he has no money for that purpose. I have much more due for my salary since, and a great charge of children unprovided for. I beg the arrears, and payment in future from the Exchequer as the other

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barons and judges. With reference signed by the Protector to Council, for past payment and future settlement. 3 April 1656. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

25. I. *Warrant to Frost alluded to.* 1 *February* 1654–5. [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

25. II. *Statement of the case of Baron Tomlyns, of his duties and claims, the reference on his petition which has been hitherto neglected, and request for speedy payment, having "6 children yet undisposed of, for want of his salary." July* 1657. [1 *page.*]

25. III. *Note of the business devolving on Baron Tomlyns.* [½ *page.*]

[March 16.] **26.** Petition of Rich. Keble, Serjeant-at-law, to the Protector. On my former petition for 1,050*l.* due to me for wages as Commissioner of the Great Seal, you ordered me my arrears 10 August 1654, but I have not yet received them. I beg an order for payment. With reference 12 January 1655–6, to Council. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

March 16. Reference by Council of the 2 preceding petitions to Lord Rich. Cromwell, the Lord Chamberlain, Fiennes, and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 499.]

March 16. **27.** Petition of the inhabitants of Enfield, co. Middlesex, to the Protector. On 3 September last we had a sudden fire, whereby our houses, outhouses, and most of our goods and corn, value 1,182*l.*, were consumed, and we reduced to extreme poverty; we beg a patent for a collection. With reference thereon, 13 July 1657, to Privy Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

27. I. *Certificate by Edm. Rich and* 13 *other justices of peace to the quarter sessions, that* 15 *inhabitants named of Enfield deposed to losing their property by fire, and that on examination of Walter Bridges, minister, and others, and computing the loss, it comes at least to* 1,182*l.*, *and recommending them for a patent. Hicks' Hall, St. John's Street,* 17 *October* 1656. 14 *signatures.* [2 *pages.*]

27. II. *Certificate by Att.-Gen. Prideaux, on a reference of* 6 *October* 1657, *that in cases of loss by fire, letters patent for collections have usually been granted, and that he sees no reason in law why his Highness should not grant this.* 28 *October* 1657. [½ *page.*]

March 16. Order for a patent for collecting in London, Westminster, Middlesex, and Herts. [*I.* 78, *p.* 500.]

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3. The petition of Matth. Hardy referred to Skippon, Desborow, Montague, Lord Chamberlain, and Jones, to speak with the petitioner and Serjeant Dendy, and settle the matter if possible, and if not, report.

4. A report of the difference between the Earl of Rutland and Mr. Lock read.

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5. The petition of the well-affected inhabitants of Gateshead, co. Durham, referred to the Sheriff of the county, the Governor of Tynemouth Castle, Robt. Fenwick, and Hen. Ogle, to consider how the government of the said town may best be settled, and certify.

6. A letter of 25 Feb. from the Council in Scotland, concerning money received on ale, &c., excise in Edinburgh, referred to the Scotch Committee, to advise what they think fit.

8. John Monger, of Godalming, to have leave to repair to London, to be examined as a witness in the Court of Chancery on behalf of John Fielder, and also to attend the assizes at Southwark, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.

11. To add to the Militia [Commissioners ?] of London—

Sir Thos. Foote.	Chas. Lloyd.
Wm. Thompson.	Theoph. Biddolph.
Walter Bigg.	Wm. Gower.
John Frederick.	Maurice Gethin.
Tempest Milner, and	Thos. Steynes.
Thos. Chandler, Aldermen of London.	James Edwards.

13. The petition of the parishioners of Botolph's, Bishopsgate Without, London, referred to Skippon. Fleetwood, Wolsley, Lords Strickland, Chamberlain, and R. Cromwell, to speak with the incumbent to allow John Simpson to preach once every Sunday, and report.

14. **28.** A note by Maj. Gen. Kelsey of ammunition, &c., wanting in Dover Castle referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider what must be sent and how supplied, and report. *Annexing,*

28. I. *Note of the ammunition required.* [½ *page.*]

15. Order for the addition of 13 Commissioners and 9 Ministers of Assistant-Commissioners named, to the Commissioners for the ejection of scandalous Ministers in Kent.

17. Order that the Treasury Commissioners pay 6,000*l.*, in part of 12,000*l.* ordered for his Highness's household, out of any moneys in the Exchequer, though by a former order the payment was limited to moneys coming in from the Prize Office.

20. Several bills being due for stores for Mardike, the Admiralty Commissioners are to consider them, and if allowed, to issue warrants for their payment to the Navy Treasurer. Approved 23 March.

21. To send for the use of the Admiralty Commissioners copies of the bills and accounts now depending before Council, for provisions and stores, carpenters' work, and freight for Mardike, on the contracts with Maj. Bourne, Cap. Taylor, or the Ordnance officers, and also of bills yet to come in.

22. Order on a letter from Gen. Monk of 9 March, concerning money due to the State on Mr. Bilton, Drywood and Medlicott's accounts for the army in Scotland, and a letter from the 2 former,—that Dudley Short, linendraper of London, be arrested, and also Jos. Serjeant, of Northampton, and sent before Council to answer the charges against them, which the Committee on this matter is to examine into, and take order for the transport of the prisoners to the

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Council in Scotland; also one of the War-treasurers is to repair to the Council of Scotland and assist in discovering the truth of matters on the said accounts.

23. To recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 70*l.* on the minister of North Walsham, co. Norfolk. Approved 23 March.

24. An augmentation having been ordered to raise the salary of the minister of Preston, Lancashire, to 100*l.* a year, order for the better ascertaining it to recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to make the whole augmentation 70*l.*, and charge it on some revenue in the county. Approved 23 March.

25. Order that 12*d.* out of the 16*d.* a day for fire and candle ordered to the garrison of Exeter be transferred to the garrison of Ludlow Castle, from Michaelmas last, and the Army Committee to issue warrants accordingly. Approved 21 April.

26. **29.** On delivery of the powder ordered 14 Jan. to the foot regiments in London and Westminster, a proportion of match is also to be issued to each, and the Admiralty Commissioners to issue warrants to the Ordnance officers accordingly.

27. The petition of René Augier, late Resident in France, directed to Lockhart, ambassador in France, referred to Lord R. Cromwell, Fiennes, Chamberlain, and Strickland, to report.

28. **30.** The petition of Capt. John Green, for payment of 62*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.* for freight of 4 men and 4 tons of goods to Jamaica in the Hopewell above his contract, and for provisions delivered there, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to examine and report.

29. The Scotch Committee to consider a draft of commissions for the judges in Scotland, altered from the late form, perfect the draft, and report to Council.

31. On report from the Committee of Council, to whom the report from the Treasury Commissioners on his Highness's reference on Thos. Whitby's petition was referred,—that his Highness's Privy Seal of 24 Sept. 1656 allowed the petitioner, as Receiver-General of Revenue in cos. Salop, Stafford, and Chester a salary of 1*s.* in the pound for all he paid into the Exchequer, and that several estates were given into his charge, amounting to 7,400*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* a year, some of which were discharged 1643, 1644, 1645 by the Haberdashers' Hall Commissioners, before the date of the Privy Seal, and others afterwards by judgment in the Exchequer Court, which estates so discharged amounted to 1,659*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*, leaving but 5,741*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* in the petitioner's charge; and the auditor has delivered out contracts of several other estates now depending in plea in the Exchequer to their discharge, to the value of 2,716*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.*, which, should they be discharged by judgment of the Barons, what remains with the petitioner would be but 3,025*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*, and that therefore he does not receive such salary as was intended for him:—order that the Treasury Commissioners settle on Whitby a salary proportionable to that originally intended.

32. Order on report from the Treasury Commissioners on Geo. Billinghurst's petition,—that according to a certificate annexed from

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the Trustees for sale of forfeited estates, they appointed him their secretary and John Smith their clerk, with a salary of 150*l.* to divide between them, which they have not received,—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay them 937*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* for the salary from July 1651 to November 1657. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 498–506.]

March 16. Whitehall. Warrant to Serj. Dendy to search for and apprehend Dudley Short of Cheapside, linendraper, and bring him before Council, and to seize all books, papers, and accounts relating to any intercourse between him and Geo. Bilton and Drywood, and in case of opposition, to break open doors, &c. With writ of assistance. [*I.* 114, *p.* 110.]

March 16. Like warrant to apprehend Jos. Serjeant of Northampton, and bring him before Council, and to seize all his books and papers relating to intercourse with Short, Bilton, or Drywood. [*I.* 114, *p.* 112.]

March 16. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord President and Council in Scotland. The Protector referred to Council a petition of Earl Wemys about the impost on coals in Scotland as contrary to the Act of tonnage and poundage, but Council thinks the meaning of the Act to be that for every ton of coals exported from Scotland by natives, and in native ships, 4*s.* should be paid, and 8*s.* if exported by strangers. Yet it may encourage trade in Scotland, and not prejudice England, to respite part of these payments till the true meaning of the Act is more fully declared, and reduce it to 2*s.* 6*d.* by natives, and 5*s.* by strangers.

As it appears that Martin Noel,—who has a farm from 25 March next of the said subsidy on coals, and has treated with the Earl thereon—is willing to give way to abatement, if defalcation be allowed him in his rent, his Highness and Council have consented thereto, and ordered this allowance. Therefore you are to cause publication to be made of his Highness's will that the said abatement be made, till his further pleasure is known. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 863–5.]

March $\frac{17}{27}$. Brussels. Sir Hen. de Vic to Sec. Nicholas. There is some abatement in our confidence. I fear the fair occasion which the conjuncture affords may be lost, whilst there is expectation which of the two, ourselves here, or our friends in England, should strike the first. We still talk of being able to overcome all difficulties, and he who is fearful is not thought well affected. Meantime our contrivements towards a settlement here, and even in this house (which I am leaving to make room for others more necessary about the King), do not betoken any sudden remove, unless it be done as a blind. Mr. Beling is here, and my Lord Lieutenant will be here soon. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{17}{27}$. Brussels. S. Fox to Sec. Nicholas. I rejoice in your improved health. Our condition remains the same. We are not a penny richer than when we came hither. The discourse of going suddenly into

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England is much declined. The Duke of York dined yesterday with the Prince de Lines, and the King would have gone, but it was his fast of the last Tuesday of the month.* A French footman of the Duke's was killed last Sunday in the street. The King cannot remove his family and goods till he can send remittances to Bruges. Sir H. de Vic has given us much room by his removal. [$2\frac{2}{3}$ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{1}{2}\frac{8}{8}$. Breda. Sir Alex. Hume to [Sec. Nicholas]. I have been ill with gout and gravel. I am sorry for your indisposition. The Dane has been forced to an ugly agreement with the Swede. All advertisements agree that Cromwell is in a bad posture, as well for want of money as the general discontent, not only among the people but in the army, which gives hope that the time for his ruin draws near. I hope God will enable his Majesty to use this conjuncture. His preparations for it will be the more successful the less they are visible. Monk's jealousy of Cromwell's purpose to thrust him out of his command of the forces in Scotland should incline him to desert, and return to the King's obedience, if he were dexterously treated, his crimes, though great, not rendering him uncapable of pardon. We hear that an express has come from Spain to Brussels with 300,000 crowns. The Princess will not leave here till she sees how the King and Duke of York will dispose of themselves. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{1}{2}\frac{8}{8}$. Utrecht. Lord Colepepper to Sec. Nicholas. I think with you that the season for attempting anything this year is past, now that the English ships can ride confidently on the coast of Flanders. God send us as good a conjuncture, and may we then be not lapsed in time, as we are now. The question is how the King should spend his time till winter. I hope he will not venture his person in the campaign in Flanders, and wish he would stay at Bruges till the season for action in his own affairs returns. They promise not to divert the materials destined to his service, but perhaps to add to them next winter,—the only season for anything of force from this side the sea,—unless some accident in England sooner open him a door there. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

[March 18.] **31.** Petition of Giovanni Bernardo Isola, employed by the State of Genoa to Holland, to the Protector and Council. Returning to Genoa, I wished to see England, was driven by storm to Warton, and travelled to Colchester, where I and all I had were seized and brought to Whitehall. On perusal of my commission and papers, the Secretary released me, but detains 2 pocket and 2 horse pistols of mine, and 8 carbines of rare and curious work which I bought for friends. I have been waiting for them here 6 weeks at great charge, and am thus hindered seeing the country. I beg their restoration, and a pass. [1 *page.*]

March 18. Order for a pass for him to France, on desire of Mr. Merville. [*I.* 78, *p.* 507.]

* Charles I. was beheaded on the last Tuesday of January, 1649. This explains the allusion.—ED.

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2. The petition of Sam. Vassal, for payment of the residue of 4,256*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, read.

3. The petition of Major Jer. Tolhurst, and Frances, wife of Sir Fras. Wortley, Bart., referred to Wolsley, Jones, Montague, Skippon, and Fiennes, to report.

4. Order on report from the Committee on the salaries of the Army Committee, besides Col. John Clarke and James Phillips, that 100*l.* a year be allowed to Jervase Bennett, John Hildesly, and Rich. Lucy, from 29 Sept. 1656, which the War-treasurers are to pay on warrant from the Army Committee, with arrears now due, and the said Committee are to give warrants for payments in future. Approved 21 April.

5. Lord R. Cromwell, Desborow, Jones, Fleetwood, and Skippon, and the other Commissioners on Money Affairs, to consider of fit salaries for the War-treasurers, and report.

7. The petition of John Earl of Rothes, Robt. Maitland of Lundy, Chas. Maitland of Haltonne, Sir Jno. Wanchope of Nithry, John Hume of Rentonne, and Wm. Thompson, Commissioners for the Earl of Lauderdale, and of the said Earl, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report. [*J.* 78, *pp.* 506–508.]

March 18. Stow. **32.** Sir Ralph Hare to Williamson. My nephew's letter differs much from yours, but he will tell you the contents. I will send you 50*l.*; I do not wish you to be straitened, if his estate would bear expense, but I will advise no more about him, since I find no better return from him. I fear he will come short of what he owes to so good a mother. [1 *page.*]

March $\frac{1}{2}\frac{9}{9}$. Saumur. **33.** M. le Febvre to Williamson. Tell M. Joliver that his son having failed 2 or 3 times together to do part of his task, I was obliged to chastise him, though only with the cane, and the little rogue says he will not return to college. M. du Soul, rector of the academy, should be written to, and begged to have him well whipped, to teach him to be a good scholar. If M. Joliver is not at Paris, send him this note. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page, French.*]

March 19. Navy Office. **34.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. We have daily brought to our office many tickets of persons discharged out of the State's ships in the Downs, Portsmouth, Plymouth, &c., who never personally appear before us, but the tickets are brought in by shopkeepers, tradesmen, and alehouse keepers, under pretence of debts, relief in sickness, &c., whereas in truth they are bought in these parts for so much in the pound, to the poor men's loss, and for the most part consumed in drinking, tippling, and ill-husbandry ashore. The major part of such tickets are said to be of able seamen, whereas many of them are servants, and scarce ordinary seamen, which is a great abuse to the State, proceeding from the captains and officers intrusted that make out such tickets.

Moreover great complaint is made at our office by masters of servants, that they are defrauded of their servants' wages by the captains granting out such tickets in remote parts. This disorder

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begets much trouble and clamour, both to our office and the treasury, where greater sums are weekly paid out than otherwise would be. We desire you to take this into serious consideration, and to give strict charge to all captains not to give out any tickets but upon special occasion, to prevent abuses and miscarriages of this nature. [1 *page.*]

March 19. Yarmouth. **35.** Col. Thos. Biscoe to the Admiralty Commissioners. Pray move Council for 168 firelocks and bandoleers, 72 pikes, and 6 halberds. I have not yet received any arms for the men I sent for France. We are also in much want of shot, powder, &c., as specified, and I beg you to obtain them, that I may perform the service that is required. [1 *page.*]

March $\frac{1}{2}\frac{9}{9}$. Middleburg. Thomas, Lord Wentworth, to Sec. Nicholas. Thanks for your letters. Several gentlemen who came over from England with this last convoy agree that there never was so fit an opportunity as now for his Majesty to make some attempt there. Several persons of quality, in many parts of the kingdom, are prepared to rise, whenever he shall land with any force, but here lies the great difficulty. They are unwilling, and indeed unable to rise till the King be landed to give some diversion to Cromwell's army; but though the Spaniards will provide all in readiness, they will do nothing till the business is begun in England.

How these two will be accorded I do not see, the time of the year being so far spent, but several of these gentlemen are gone up to the King at Brussels, to encourage and quicken the Spaniard; for unless the King can make some attempts as he has promised, he will discourage his friends in England, and it will be the ruin of divers of them, and may be the loss of their lives. It must get vent, being known to so many people. [$1\frac{2}{3}$ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{1}{2}\frac{9}{9}$. Pe[rcy] Ch[urch] to Sec. Nicholas. The approved remonstrance is printed and sold publicly at Brussels. I marvel you know so little of the King's preparations, promised assistance, and speedy design for England, when letters from Flanders speak of nothing else. I hear that Cromwell will soon be declared King by a Committee of officers joined to his Council, notwithstanding Monk's refusal of coming to London, for redress of which, and to prevent danger, Lord Richard is to be dispatched northwards with some troops. Lockhart has proposed to France to recognise him as King, but the result is not known. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

March $\frac{1}{2}\frac{9}{9}$. Brussels. Thos. Ross to [Sec. Nicholas]. Plumleigh* is still here, somewhat malcontent. Mr. Hope* pretends to something wherein he finds the alacrity he might expect from the *Lord Chancellor.* Chen* is gone to Antwerp, and said the *Chancellor* had promised to send him to *England* long since, but spoke nothing of it lately. Young Mr. *Holder* has gone to his province in such haste that he gave 155

* Cypher to which there is no key. Scheveling.—ED.

guilders for a bark at Skiledlia,* beside the charge for an English pilot. Yet why all this cost, for I find here a deadness that mortifies all my hopes, all the discourse being of November next. On the other side, our friends begin to cast about to get clear of the business, and resolve for the future to sit still. *Dick Pile* will wait only a fortnight, and then if he finds nothing done will be done, endeavour his peace and meddle no more. Many others have taken the same resolution. We shall soon find a thin court, if once we look to a campaign here. We are promised in a few days 300 suits of grey cloth for our King's guards; Marsine is much for the expedition of our business. The King has been entreating the Spaniards to know the cause of the delay, but does not get much satisfaction. We fear our hopes are so airy that they will starve us. We have hope both from the rising of the cadets in France, and from the Hollanders. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence; Italics are cyphers undecyphered.*]

March $\frac{20}{30}$. **36.** Tan. Faber to Williamson. Nothing has grieved me more for years than what you wrote me about Langbaine; he is a great loss to literature. May you find your friends safe in Britain on your return. [1 *page, Latin.*]

March 22. / April 1. Brussels. S. Fox to Sec. Nicholas. Sir G. Talbot, Sir John Mennes, and Mr. Heath are gone to Bruges. The King has got one month of his pension, with assurances of more when the money is secured at Antwerp, otherwise this one month, after all this stir, would be a mockery. I hope soon to pay your account for letters and the reformados. Col. Blagge has returned from Holland. The Duke of York has gone to Breda. Lord Bristol is going to his quarters or to Antwerp. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 23. **37.** Petition of the inhabitants of Wells and Cuthbert's parish there to the Protector. On 17 July 1656, you ordered us the use of the cathedral, then ruinous, and we have been at great cost in its repair, and are progressing therein; but we are impeded by the violence of Dr. Corn. Burgess, who has got possession of the church without order, threatens those whom we put in to take care of it, keeps it locked, and admits none save at his pleasure, so that the subscribers refuse to pay in their moneys, thinking that he has some private right in it, and thus we cannot finish the work.

We beg you not only to confirm your former order, but to confer the church upon the city, to be employed for public worship and the burial of the dead, there being but one parish church, and a small churchyard, for 10,000 inhabitants. [1 *page.*]

March 23. Order thereon in Council that Burgess be required to deliver the keys of the cathedral to the petitioners, and to permit them to enjoy it for public worship. [*I.* 78, *p.* 509.]

March 23. **38.** Petition of Ri. Lowry, mayor, and the aldermen, bailiffs, and Common Councilmen, of Carlisle, to the Protector. Our 2 parishes,

* Cypher to which there is no key. Scheveling?—ED.

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within and without the city, of large extent, have been supplied by 2 ministers, who were paid out of Dean and Chapter revenues, but we are constrained to give them an allowance from the city stock for their better maintenance.

We beg 120*l.* a year to either minister from the tithes of either parish when the leases expire, which will be 2 years hence. With reference signed by the Protector to Council, recommending an augmentation of 20*l.* a year to each parish. 31 December 1657. [1 *sheet.*]

March 23. Order thereon in Council accordingly. Approved 10 April. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 510, 554.]

[March 23.] **39, 40.** Petition of Thos. Goodyear, merchant, to the Protector. I paid the usual customs and took cockets in the Port of London for tin to be shipped for the Straits, without at once bringing down the goods. Soon after the late Act for Customs passed, and before it was published, the Commissioners on 29 June set up an order in the Custom House that no lead or tin should be shipped by virtue of any former cocket, without paying 10*s.* a fodder on lead, and 12*s.* 8*d.* a cwt. on tin, as the duty imposed by Act of the Parliament begun 17 Sept. 1656. I applied to one of the searchers to pass my goods, but he said he could not, and should seize them if I shipped them.

Finding that one of the searchers shipped great quantities of tin on preceding cockets, I intended to apply to the Committee for regulating Customs, but they had adjourned.

Though Acts of Parliament bear date the first day of the session, yet as people cannot notice them before they are published, and, as in former changes of customs, cockets passed beforehand were always allowed, I beg the same favour as other merchants in like cases have had. With note that 600*l.* has been paid for customs, which the new Act rates at 1,100*l.* more. With reference to the Committee for regulating the Excise and Customs, to report, 19 Sept. 1657; their report, 8 Dec. 1657, that the petitioner only entered 162 cwts. of tin in his own name on 4 June 1657, but he claims large quantities entered in other names, the additional duty on all, which would be 1,172*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* That they thought the Act, which they received 27 June, was a sufficient publication, and at first forbade the shipping of any lead or tin without the new duty, yet on 29 June consented that all entered before 26 June might be shipped before the printing of the Act, which was 4 July; but the petitioner's tin was not ready, the tin having been entered on the rumour of an additional duty, with intent not to ship it till later. They think if he is not allowed to export the tin, he should have his money repaid by transport of goods of like value. Signed by Sir Wm. Roberts, John Stone, and Gerv. Bennett. Also further reference thereon to Privy Council, 2 January 1657–8. [2 *papers.*]

[March 23.] **41.** Reply in detail by Goodyear to the report of the Customs' Commissioners, stating that he got a private leave to ship part of his tin, which was not done till 10 Aug. last, and that it was then granted

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because Capts. Ryder and Whelden petitioned his Highness for the same thing, but were not allowed to ship the whole. [¾ *sheet.*]

[March 23.] **42.** Reasons urged by Thos. Goodyear why he should be allowed to ship his tin without paying additional duty. [1 *page.*]

March 23. Order on the above petition, &c., that he be allowed to ship the residue of the tin by him entered before 26 June last, without paying the additional duty. Approved in person. [*J.* 78, *pp.* 517, 518.]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

2. To recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to pay the 100*l.* a year settled on the minister of Brentford, Middlesex, to Abiel Bocket, appointed minister there. Approved 21 April.

3. Zach. Mayne appointed to preach a lecture at 4 p.m. on Sundays at Julian's, in Shrewsbury, and to receive the 60*l.* salary granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to the minister of Julian's. Approved.

5. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower to allow to Lord R. Cromwell's regiment, which is to march forthwith, as many back, breast, and pott arms as are needed.

6. The petition of Phil. Thomas referred to Lord R. Cromwell, Fiennes, Mulgrave, Fleetwood, Desborow, Wolsley, and Jones, to report.

9. The papers now presented of Lord Howard's desires concerning Carlisle referred to the Committee on Money, to report.

His Highness present.

10.* Whereas Major John Jenkins and Capt. Harrison are to raise 2 companies of foot of 80 each, besides officers, for defence of Hartlepool garrison, co. Durham,—order that they be added to the establishment so long as that garrison continues, and that the Army Committee give orders for their payment.

11. The petition of Thos. Manton, minister, and of the inhabitants of Covent Garden referred to Lord R. Cromwell, Fiennes, Desborow, Montague, Jones, and Mr. Secretary, to report; and the Commissioners on new Buildings and others concerned are to forbear meanwhile to levy the money set on Manton's House.

12.* Approval of an order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers for adding 21*l.* to the 19*l.* granted to — Haydock, minister of Thursford, *alias* New Chapel, co. Stafford, to make it up to 40*l.*

13. The paper concerning continuing the Commissioners for discovery of false Public Faith bills referred to Fiennes, Desborow, Montague, Mr. Secretary, and Mr. Comptroller, to report.

14. The matter depending on the petition of Thos. Lock, his Highness's patentee, and the Earl of Rutland, concerning mines in co. Derby, and the petition of Col. Edw. Ashenhurst and Benj. Bradborne, co-adventurers with Lock, referred back to the former Committee (to which Wolsley, Jones, Lord R. Cromwell, and Fiennes are added), to report speedily.

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15. Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Jones, Fleetwood, Lord Chamberlain, and Mr. Comptroller to consider a book reflecting on the Government, printed by Chapman, examine him concerning the author and the publisher, and report.

16.* **43.** The Admiralty Commissioners to appoint small ships to assist Vice-Adm. Goodson in plying near the coast of Flanders, and furnish and despatch as many as they think fit.

17. Council to meet at 3 p.m. to consider the matter proposed by his Highness concerning public safety.

18.* **44.** A list presented by Montague of the number, qualities, and stations of several ships for next summer's guard [names, places, and qualities of ships desired given], approved.

19.* The Admiralty Commissioners to prepare a list of ships answerable to the above list, with their force and number of men, to report it to Council, and despatch the ships to their respective stations.

20.* **45.** The Admiralty Commissioners to give warrants to the Navy Commissioners to pay the 261*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* ordered to Rob. Seaman, surgeon, for quarters and cure of 125 soldiers sent from Mardike to Norwich.

21.* **46.** Order on Fleetwood's report of lists of ammunition and stores necessary for Great Yarmouth, Kingston-on-Hull, and Scarborough garrisons, that the Admiralty Commissioners order the Ordnance officers to issue to the above places such stores as Fleetwood, Desborow, and Montague judge necessary.

22.* The Army Committee to order the War-treasurers to pay Zachary Worth 200*l.* from Army contingencies, for his expense in raising 2 companies for Hartlepool garrison, and accommodating chaplains, a physician and an apothecary for the English forces there.

23. Order on report from the Mardike Committee [*see* 9 *Mar.* 1657–8] for a Privy Seal for 50*l.* from the Exchequer without fees to Dr. Saltonstall, in advance for service. *Annexing,*

47. *Report alluded to for its payment from Council's contingencies, the same advance being made to Dr. French, who went in the same capacity.* [⅔ *page.*]

24. Order on information from the Lord Chamberlain that Serjeant Edw. Dendy's lodgings in Whitehall appear suitable for the disposal of his Highness's family, and that he has spent nearly 100*l.* on them—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Dendy 50*l.*

27. **48.** The petition of John Thuillier, merchant of London, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

28. The accounts of money spent for the castle and garrison of Scarborough referred to Fleetwood, Desborow, and Montague, to report.

29. Confirmation of the contract between the Committee on Customs and Excise, and John Chabenor, of Richmond, Surrey, and Thos. Stevens, of Westminster, for a lease of excise on ale, &c.,

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in Windsor, Reading, and co. Berks, and the hundred of Amesbury, co. Wilts, lying within Windsor Forest and co. Berks, and Southampton (with the exceptions named in the contract), for 3 years from 25 March, at 8,800*l.* a year.

30. Also of a similar contract with Thos. Williams of Oxford, and Wm. Seawell of London, for excise in the brewhouse in Forman hundred, co. Berks, and the city and county of Oxford and of Bucks, for 3 years from 25 March, at 8,300*l.* a year.

31. The Treasury Commissioners to consider and report on a fit salary for Thos. Whitby, receiver-general of revenues in cos. Chester, Salop, and Stafford.

32. The Treasury Commissioners to consult with the Attorney-General and Counsel how to prevent loss to the revenue through undue discharge of the estates of Papists and others by the Barons of Exchequer.

34. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay John Clarke 20*l.* for service as apothecary to the English forces in Flanders.

36. Approval by the Protector of 18 orders. 11 February—23 March. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 508–518.]

March 23. April 2. Caen. T. Mompesson to [Sec. Nicholas]. Thanks for your promised favour in getting me and Mr. Hunt our commissions when you arrive at Brussels. God give us wisdom and courage so to use them that the King may be served, and you may not repent your trouble. We shall rely on your orders as to the time of putting them in execution.

I hear that Cromwell has long since had drums beaten for volunteers to be sent into Flanders, but cannot yet make up 2,000 men, as it is believed he is pressing men to make good his promise to the French King of 15,000 men this summer; but he will rather break the promise than part with any more of his old soldiers.

Do not send the commissions by post, but let them go by the Brussels carrier to Paris, and Mr. Coventry's son, or Lord Roscommon's tutor, will forward them. [*Extracts, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 24. April 3. Brussels. Sir John Berkley to Sec. Nicholas. I will do my best to obey your and Lady Radcliffe's commands, in sending her the balance of 1,000 livres promised her by my master [the Duke of York], but I wish she did not share in the error about the goodness of his condition. I wish he could find his family subsistence and help others. I send her through Mr. Wayte 300 guilders. The Duke went to Breda on Monday, and returns this week for our public affairs. I can say but little about them, as I confine myself to what is incumbent on me. With order by George Wayte to Adrian de Meyck, to pay the 300 guilders. [2¼ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 24. April 3. Brussels. S. Fox to [Sec. Nicholas.] I hope you will soon be better. Beling has come back from Antwerp moneyless, though he had an order for 3,000 crowns, but the paymaster made an evasion. Most of the officers of Ormond and Bristol's regiments have come hither with a petition for relief, not being able to subsist in their quarters.

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They have had no ammunition bread for a month, and without speedy redress they must disband, which would be an ill preface to the King's going the campaign this year. Sir Cecil Howard came last night. [1⅔ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 25. / April 4. Sir Edw. Walker to Sec. Nicholas. I fancy some revival of our designs for England, but I have no reason to hope. Marsine has been here 2 or 3 days, and many of our adjutators have gone several ways, but we are dead in discourse, and no person so fallen in appearance and gesture as your great brother secretary [Earl of Bristol]. When the Duke of York returns on Saturday, we may see if another campaign be our sad fate; if so, I fear our troops will be but thin, being so ill-used between the Spanish court and their own officers. Col. Blagge cannot obtain his despatch. My Lord Lieutenant and Lieut.-Gen. Middleton are expected here.

I have had a hearing before the Lord Chancellor and Earl of Bristol against Sir Art. Slingsby, and made good my assertions, and they will report the matter for the King's decision. As to the fee of the clerk of the signet, it was asked whether the 8*l.* demanded was for the officer of the signet, or whether the secretary's fee of 5*l.* was included; if so, Lord Bristol said he would forgive him that fee. Tell your son this, that he may resolve the doubt, and what is due to him will be paid. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 25. / April 4. Dixmude. Capt. P. Mewes to Sec. Nicholas. I hear from England that Monk continues his contumacy, and that Falconbridge is to command in Scotland. That the Lord Mayor and Aldermen were summoned by Cromwell to Whitehall, but the business is not yet public. That several troops are sent to the sea coast in Kent. That there is soon to be a general rendezvous of the army at Blackheath, when his usurpership expects to be declared King. That some of the militia [officers] are added to the Council to carry on affairs. That 2 files or 12 men are drawn out of every company in London for Mardike, whither all the English near, being 3,000, are drawn till other recruits come over. We are languishing with the thoughts of the intended return. The troops here have lost belief in their officers, want bread, shoes, &c., are illtreated by the magistrates, and run away daily, and I see no redress. [3 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 25. / April 4. Caen. T. Mompesson to Sec. Nicholas. I am glad of your good news of Monk's refusing to obey Cromwell's orders; I have heard the same from the French, and doubt not but there is something in it which gives Cromwell much trouble. The French say that Cromwell having ordered Monk to come for England, Monk replied that Cromwell might come to him if he had anything to say to him. Others say that had Monk intended any such thing, he would not have lately parted with 6,000 soldiers to Cromwell.

The 150,000*l.* you mention as furnished by Ald. Vyner was here said to be furnished by Noel, who is postmaster, and that the City was engaged for this, and have promised more for the setting out of the fleet. But a company of Huguenots here make lies to keep up the reputation of Cromwell, whom they take to be a great protector of their

religion, and cannot believe he aims at the Kingship. The poisonous tenets of their religion bewitch them to join themselves with all sorts of rebels, otherwise they would not reconcile themselves both to Calvin and Cromwell. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 25. April 4. Brussels. Thos. Ross to Nicholas. *The King* sent me to take his little son out of the hands he was in, and bestow him for awhile in a place out of the knowledge of his mother or anyone else, but such as I took to help me, himself, and *your* younger brother. I wondered at the *King's* choosing me for this task. I believe I am designed for his tutor. He cannot be safe from his mother's intrigues where he is. It is a pity so pretty a child should be in hands that have neglected to teach him to read, or to tell 20, though he has much wit and great desire to learn. I have not heard of *your* being desired here. I am going to Antwerp, where Mr. Stanley is gone before.

I think the 300 suits for Col. Blagge's regiment are finished, for I saw 200 at Antwerp.

Hope* wished to succeed Tom Cook,* and got a friend to move it to the *Lord Chancellor*, who said he was provided already. Hope was angry, and said he should tell him his mind freely. Tom Pluckton* is going to *England*. Soaper* and Chen* to Antwerp. [1⅔ *pages, the italics in cypher undecyphered, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 25. **49.** Petition of Thos. Margetts, deputy-advocate to the army, to the Protector and Council. I have attended my duties in London many years, my charge being great and my pay small, and now 8 months in arrear, so that I want money to support my family. I beg an order to the Army Committee for 3 months' pay, as the foot forces here in London have had beyond what has been paid to me. [⅓ *page.*]

March 25. Order thereon for the 3 months' pay, and for his future payment equally with those forces. Approved 21 April. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 519, 568.]

March 25. **50.** Petition of Wm. Wake of Blandford, Dorset, to the Protector. I was drawn into the last Western insurrection, and at Molton I and 4 others, having first made articles with the officers under your command, were taken prisoners and convicted of high treason, but by your clemency and that of the late Parliament, I obtained a pardon for my life. On requisition for my estate, I paid for such as was justly my own, but there is an estate which belonged to my wife before marriage, and was by her father to be kept for her and her children, but which is returned as mine, by means whereof my poor wife and her children will be utterly undone. I beg not to be further prosecuted therefor. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

50. I. *Report by Attorney-General Prideaux that the estate in question is a portion of* 500*l. in the hands of Edw. Cutler, of Stower Pain, co. Dorset, father of Wake's wife,*

* Cyphers, to which there is no key.—ED.

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and was settled on her; also that the officers who took him on articles of war are obliged in honour to try to have the articles observed. 15 *Feb.* 1657–8. [¾ *page.*]

50. II. *Certificate by Rob. Shapcote that the articles secured life and estate, and were given under necessity, as there was intelligence of a second party coming up to the prisoners' assistance.* 23 *February* 1657–8. [*Scrap.*]

50. III., IV. *Depositions of Thos. Trenchard, of Litchett, and John Tregonwell, sen., of Milton Abbas, co. Dorset, that the* 500*l. was left to Amy Cutler by her grandfather, John Cutler, and settled on her upon her marriage with Wake,* 17 *June* 1654, *and that Wake disclaimed all right thereto before marriage. Trinity term,* 1657. [2 *pages.*]

March 25. **51.** Reference by Council of the petition and papers to Desborow, Jones, Strickland, and Mr. Secretary, to report. [½ *page; I.* 78, *p.* 522.]

March 25. **52.** Petition of Wm. Penoyer and Wm. Rider, merchants of London, to the Protector, for a warrant to the Commissioners of Customs to permit them to export 25 tons of saltpetre, part of which was shipped for Amsterdam, but taken out of the vessel by the Customs' Commissioners, and remains in the lighter, at great hazard and charges, and the rest in the Custom House was wet and damaged the last high tide. The powder makers will not give what it cost, and there is enough in town to serve the State till fresh supplies come from India. [⅔ *page.*]

March 25. **53.** Reference by Council thereon to the Navy Commissioners, to report their opinion. [½ *page; I.* 78, *p.* 523.]

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1. Council to meet at 9 to-morrow morning on important business, as commanded by his Highness.

2. To recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 40*l.* on the minister of Hunderskelf, co. York, Visct. Howard who has an estate there having settled the tithes for maintenance of a godly minister. Approved 10 April.

3. Mr. Secretary reports his Highness's approval of the declaration for a collection for distressed Protestant churches in Poland, with some additional clauses concerning 20 Protestant families hitherto seated in Bohemia.

6. The petition of several merchant adventurers to Greenland read, and referred to the Committee on the petition of the Muscovy Company trading to Greenland, who are to hear them next Monday afternoon, and report speedily.

9. A contract having been made with Thos. Morris for Customs and Excise in Ireland, at 17,000*l.* a year, order that so much thereof as remains in the Exchequer be paid to the Treasurers-at-war, towards pay of the forces in Ireland.

10. The Army Committee's report on reference of Capt. Elias Walley's petition, concerning 825*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* mentioned as due to Col.

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Hacker's regiment of horse, referred to the Committee on Money, to report.

11. The petition of the bailiffs, common council, heads and masters of the several companies of Edinburgh for themselves and the city, and a letter from the Council in Scotland of 25 Feb. last, referred to Lord R. Cromwell, Fleetwood, Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Lord Chamberlain, Lisle, Strickland, Mulgrave, Wolsley, and Fiennes, who are hereby appointed a Committee for Scotch Affairs, to report.

12. The said Committee to consider a letter from the Council in Scotland of 11 March, concerning additional Commissioners for the assessment in Scotland, and to report.

13. Jno. Hannah, of Maidstone, co. Kent, merchant, who was seized in London during the late search, and secured at the Cock, Tuttle Street, to be discharged, and his horse restored.

14. Like order for Sir Edw. Mansell, Bart., seized in Westminster and secured at the Bear, King Street.

15. The return of persons apprehended at the late search referred to Lords Whalley, Goffe, Pride, Cooper, and Berry, to discharge whom they think fit, with their horses, and their orders to be obeyed.

16. The petition of Anastasius Cominus, bishop of the Greek Church under the Patriarch of Alexandria, for himself and other ministers, referred to the Committee for Approbation of Public Preachers, to examine all the papers submitted, and report. [*J.* 78, *pp.* 519–523.]

March 25. Declaration by the Protector for relief of divers Protestant churches driven out of Poland, and of 20 Protestant families driven out of Bohemia. On information that during the late wars in Poland, the Protestant churches at Lesna and other places have been driven away on account of their religion, and forced to fly into Silesia to preserve their lives and consciences, and have sent deputies authorized by 5 of their pastors, and by the testimony of Protestant princes who have afforded them shelter; and also on a petition from 20 Protestant families, driven from Missina in Bohemia into the Marquisate of Culembach, by the persecutions of the Jesuits and the House of Austria, whence they have sent a signed instrument attesting their distress, and their hope to find bowels of mercy among those who profess the same faith;—His Highness—not doubting that the people of this nation, who have been preserved from this anti-Christian tyranny, will have a fellow-feeling with their brethren—recommends them to liberality, as was exercised towards the poor Protestants in Piedmont (touching the faithful distribution whereof an account is ordered by his Highness to be printed for general satisfaction) and for the collection to be carefully made, and disposed to the relief of the said churches and families; and he requires the ministers in the churches in England and Wales to publish the same the next Lord's Day after they receive this declaration, and to make the collection the Lord's Day following, and pay the money within 3 days to the high sheriff of the county, to be by him paid to Sir Thos. Vyner and Sir Chris. Pack, Aldermen of London, who are

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appointed treasurers thereof; and in order that no money may miscarry, the minister and churchwardens are to send in to Sir Thos. Vyner a note of the sum collected in each parish, and the persons to whom it was paid. With note to the sheriffs of counties, 6 April 1658, transmitting the said declarations for distribution in the several parishes; and requesting return of an account of the moneys collected. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 865–867.]

March 25. **54.** Order in the Committee of Council on necessaries for the garrisons of Scarborough, Hull, and Great Yarmouth, referring the papers to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider what they think necessary for the garrisons. [½ *page.*]

March 25. **55.** Order in the Admiralty Commissioners thereon,—

That those demanded for Scarborough are needful, except such as are marked with a cross.

That carriages are wanted for the guns at Hull, none having been supplied for long.

That they cannot judge about those of Great Yarmouth, not knowing the necessities of the place. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

55. I. *List of* 30 *requisitions for ordnance stores, allowances, &c., for Scarborough, of which* 7 *are crossed as needless.* 5 *March* 1657–8. [1 *page.*]

March 25. **56.** Petition of John Toope to John Thurloe, Secretary of State. I was secured at my lodgings, where I have been long waiting his Highness's and your goodness and favour, but I have none to appeal for me. I beg an order for my discharge. With note by Thurloe for him to have 20*l.*, and his receipt thereof. 26 March 1658. [1¼ *pages.*]

March 26. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Council having met as summoned yesterday, and adjourned debate on matters before them till Monday at 9 a.m., desire the absent members to be informed accordingly.

2. Fras. Hodges, Treasurer for the Jamaica forces, to pay from the Privy Seal money allowed him, to such wives of officers as at the last muster were found in arrear, one month's pay.

3. Also to pay from what remains, such sums to widows of officers and soldiers in Jamaica as the Committee on America shall order.

4. **57.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order 14 days' pay to the Treasurers for sick and wounded soldiers at Ely House and Savoy Hospital, for distribution according to rule. [*I.* 78, *p.* 524.]

March 26. / April 5. Brussels. Lord Chancellor Hyde to [Sec. Nicholas]. I send a letter to my tutor which contains a world of work. I have been thinking of what you wrote about poor Jane, the waterman, one of the honestest wretches alive. He is only a month behind of his allowance, so that he cannot be much in debt there; if he will come hither, I will give him something for clothes, for the service he shall do me, and if you supply him to bring him hither, I will repay you. If he be not willing to come, he is a fool. My tutor knows what to commit

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to his care to bring with him. The poor fellow shall be kept from want, and when I journey, he shall look to my baggage. Give the enclosed to Mr. Shaw. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 26. / April 5. Brussels. S. Fox to [Sec. Nicholas]. I hope next week to send you your disbursements and the post of letters for the last 2 months, as we are promised money when Caracena comes from Antwerp, from which I shall pay Mr. Rustat, as you appoint, 75 florins. Though I often name the expense we are at here in the hire of goods, and the nearness of the end of our term in the house at Bruges, no resolution can be taken for removal of the King's family and goods, till it be known what money we shall get.

I am sorry for poor Lord Napier, and will propose either the getting relief for the reformadoes, or the releasing them from longer dependence on the King, who is very unable to keep them. [1½ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 26. / April 5. Percy Church to Sec. Nicholas. I believe Cromwell may soon be declared king by his Council of officers, for—

1st. He cashiered and imprisoned several of them, as lately Vice-Adm. Lawson and Col. Okey in the Tower.

2nd. His colleaguing speech to the Mayor and Aldermen at Whitehall, exhorting them to a firm union against the common enemy, Charles Stuart.

3rd. The sudden dispatch of Swift, Lockhart's secretary for England, might import something to the effect I named in my last.

Cromwell assured them that Ormond and O'Neale were in England, if not still in London, and not in Germany as pretended. You have their answer in the enclosed print, by which you may see that some have good intelligence from that Court, and know that the knighting of Col. Stephens was for his welcome news from Ormond. Also that Graves and Titus are dispatched for Scotland, and that Lord Langdale is soon going to the North. I know not who writes these particulars from Flanders. I know not how our master could have been sent to England this spring but by a general rising of the honest party; the foreign design will not be perfected before Michaelmas.

I am glad to hear that the King has reconciled the Lord Chancellor and Lord Gerard. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

March 26. / April 5. Brussels. Lord Chanc. Hyde to Sec. Nicholas. Though I have been very ill I cannot be an hour alone, so that I am tired out of my life. I have your letter, but have not seen old Newburgh, who brought it. All is as loose as ever here, the ministers dissatisfied with each other, and nothing executed which was resolved on, for which we pay dear, and cannot get the month's pay that was assigned. You over-rate the gentlemen of the bed-chamber if you think they can prevail in anything they go about, and your neighbours will not procure the desired testimonial by their mediation. Whitby spoke to me for a licence, but I answered him as I had done Holt.

Antwerp did not proceed as you say; they rather interpose with the Court here not to publish the Placaert.

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I look daily *for* 775, *who* is, I hope, on his journey, so I shall write to him no more. I know not which way he will come; it is not easy to choose a safe one. Lord Colepepper is in Holland; he complains of want, and cannot live in Brussels according to his quality. *Earl Bristol is as well* as ever with 630, *who* is good for nothing. *O'Neale and Ormond* are still in 750, but I have hastened them away, as there is no colour for their stay there. *Col. Blagge* is here, and will not go to *his regiment* till he can carry with him such orders as he desires, and it is not easy to procure them as the world goes. I do not believe *Cromwell* so ill a courtier as to labour what *Card. Mazarin* takes ill, nor do I think there is any intelligence between *him* and Prince Condé. *Sir H. Bennet* is as angry as we are, and complains as much.

If the poor waterman has had 20 florins of you and 2 rix dollars, he is not much behind in his allowance. Mr. Shaw (?) will have brought you the 800 florins. I will write him to-day. Enter at once on your physic, and then a journey will do you good. I wish you could be here next week. [2 *pages, italics, cyphers decyphered, no key to the figures, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 28. April 7. Brussels. Sir Edw. Walker, Garter, to Sec. Nicholas. Col. Blagge is still here and out of trouble, but he should be with his people at Dixmude. He and Lord Berkley are very instrumental to reconcile the Queen and the Lord Chancellor. I hear that the King is on some private, sudden action. It were better to venture something than daily to live in want and contempt as we do. Lord Bristol is gone to Ghent and lets his beard grow, hence rumours of some private undertaking; but I think the ministers here are unsatisfied with him. It was said that the Lord-Lieutenant was coming here, but I hear privately that he and O'Neale are gone for Ireland. Middleton came here on Friday, in good plight and with a full purse, which is well, as our Master has nothing for anybody.

These people would be glad if the King were elsewhere, but he cannot go the campaign unless they provide better for his troops, for there will be none to serve him.

I cannot hear where the King will reside, but it will not be at Bruges; so, to ease expense, I shall send for my wife here. The Chancellor has removed to Sir H. de Vic's lodgings in the King's house, and is handsomely accommodated. The Duke of York will be here to-morrow, and some say the Duke of Gloucester too. [3 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

2. The petition of the Soapmakers of London and parts adjacent read, and referred to Mr. Earle, Serjeant-at-law, and Mr. Attorney and Solicitor-General, to report.

3. The differences which have arisen touching the usages in Whichwood Forest and the deer therein, in relation to Whitney Chase, referred to Miles Fleetwood, Rob. Jenkinson, and John Carey, to inquire what the ancient and latter customs have been, and what

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is expedient for preservation of the deer, to reconcile the differences if they can, and if not, certify their opinion.

4, 5. **58.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners that the several provisions named for the garrison at Scarborough, gun-carriages, ball, gunpowder, &c., are really necessary,—that they order the Ordnance officers to deliver to the Commander-in-Chief at Scarborough such of the provisions asked for as they have in the stores. Approved 10 April.

6. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers to supply for Hull garrison such carriages for ordnance as are asked for in a paper sent them. Approved 10 April.

His Highness present.

7.* To add to the Army Establishment a lieutenant-general of horse and a major-general of foot, with 20*s.* a day each, and the Army Committee to give their warrant to the War-treasurers for their payment.

8. The Army Committee to prepare a draft of an establishment for the army in England as the same now stands, with the alterations and additions made since the last establishment, and certify the same to Council. *Annexing,*

59. *Report of the Army Committee thereon, sending the establishment required, with reminder that one of the adjutants-general has now the command of a troop of horse.* 14 *April* 1658. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

59. I. *Establishment for the* [*Army*]. 2 *September* 165–. [1 *sheet, found with the preceding.*]

9.* Mr. Wiche, president of the East India Company, to have leave to take with him to the East Indies his household plate, value 600*l.*, custom free.

10.* **60.** The Ordnance officers at the Tower to deliver 30 pairs of horse harness and 1,000 horseshoes with nails to Thos. Knight, for the service at Mardike.

11.* To permit John Poxall to receive and dispose of the 114 hawks still living of those transported from Flushing, 6 March, custom free.

13. **61.** The Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a fit ship to transport Ralph Grey, son to Lord Grey, of Wark, his lady, servants, and necessaries, from Dover to Dieppe or Calais.

14. The petition of Nath. Temes, alderman and sheriff of London, and others, referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to report.

17. To allow the officers employed by Capt. Stoope, who has a company at Mardike in the King of France's service, to transport 40 Germans thither, to recruit the company of Swiss in the King of France's guard.

19. Order on certificate by John Micklethwait, M.D., that Bryan Cooke, of Doncaster, have licence to come to London to

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recover his health, and to stay till further order, the late Proclamation notwithstanding. *Annexing,*

62. *Certificate alluded to, that he has never been in arms, and desires to come to London before the weather is too hot, he having had a quartan ague this winter.* 27 *March* 1658. [½ *page.*]

20. Order on a letter from the mayor and aldermen of Gloucester,—enclosing an order from Col. Mills, to authorize the beating of the drum there and elsewhere to recruit his regiment to 1,200 men, but not naming the persons employed,—to write to the mayor as follows. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 525–9.]

March 29. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the mayor and aldermen of Gloucester. On consideration of your letter and Mills' warrant, Council are sensible of your care of the public, and for your satisfaction, signify that the persons so acting are employed by Col. Mills on his Highness and Council's order, and are to be permitted to proceed in that service, in which you are to encourage and assist them. [*I.* 78, *p.* 867.]

March 29. Wadham College. **63.** Dr. John Wilkins to Lord [Rich. Cromwell]. It would be a favour if you would send a letter to the University in favour of Rob. Woseley. You will know him as a member of the late Parliament, or on account of his brother, to whom, I am sure, you would show any kind of respect. An M.A. degree is requested for him, which the University has always been most ready to grant on request of the Chancellor. I beg a letter to convocation requesting it, as he is of approved abilities, has long been a student, and is of 8 years' standing.

P.S.—I must name that one Mr. Stubbs is in question about a reproachful, contumelious book, at which sober men are much offended. He may address you. [1 *page.*]

March 29. April 8. Brussels. S. Fox to Sec. Nicholas. The order we had for a month's pension was found to overcharge the Treasury, so it was changed to 5,000 florins, which we have been soliciting, but cannot get, because a clause was omitted in the order. Till its payment I cannot remit to you. The Duke of York comes to-night, and also the Duke of Gloucester, as the Princess Royal goes from Breda. She has not paid any part of what the Duke of Gloucester expected from her towards his subsistence, which will make the King's burden the greater. The Lord Chancellor was well enough to be at church yesterday. [1⅔ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 30. April 9. Hague. Jo. Lane to [Sec. Nicholas]. Both the Dukes are here. They came on Tuesday, with the Earl of Norwich, Mr. Jermyn, and Mr. Trethewy. They were yesterday with their sister all over the fair, and in the dancing of the ropes, and to-day they dine at Ryswick, entertained by Laleeck, and others of our Dutch gentry. Downing has complained of their being here. He is a fearful gentleman. The day after the Princess came to town, he set 2 of his footmen to stand sentry the whole day, one on the top of the stairs before the door, the other at the corner of the house, to watch

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the back gate, but there have been none since. He has hired another house. I hope the next remove of him and the rest of his comrades will be to the gallows, where they may have their due reward. Mr. Ross sends you a letter from England. He says he hears that you are to come hither soon. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

[March 30.] **64.** Petition of Rob. Tyler, Thos. Gunner, Wm. Booth, and Abraham Rowe, Justices of Peace of Wapping, Middlesex, for the inhabitants there, to the Protector, for letters patent to allow them to appeal to the charitably disposed.

The inhabitants of Wapping, the Hermitage, and East Smithfield, to the number of 800 poor housekeepers, preferred a petition to us at the Quarter Sessions of Westminster, 5 Oct., showing that by an explosion of gunpowder on 3 July, in powder houses at Wapping, many houses were blown down and shattered, to their damage of 9,665*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, many people were lamed and maimed, and many have become miserably poor, having lost their kindred and being destitute of their callings. On examination we found that 846 housekeepers had been losers to the amount of 9,123*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*; that many of them are poor seamen, and all except 89 will fall into great want unless aided. Hicks' Hall, 17 October 1657, 13 signatures. With reference to Privy Council, 24 November 1657. [1 *sheet.*]

March 30. Order thereon in Council for a collection in London and Westminster, cos. Middlesex, Herts, Kent, Surrey, and Sussex. [*J.* 78, *p.* 429.]

March 30. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Francis Downham referred to William Lord Robartes, Christ. Lord Pack, Sir Thos. Foote, Denis Bond, and John Stone, to report.

3. A draft order for payment of arrears to Robt. Brown, Consul at Algiers, referred to Sydenham, Strickland, Skippon, and Mulgrave, to speak with the Customs' Commissioners, and report.

4. On report from the Committee on Michael Molin's petition,—that having examined the account of Arthur Evelyn, Edw. Jennings, and John Rusden, for the proceeds of Wallingford Castle, the demolishing whereof was referred to them by the late Council of State, they certify that the money received was 516*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*, of which they spent 450*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* on the demolishing, leaving 66*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* in Rusden's hands; and that Molyns lost 450*l.* by timber taken from him by the King's party to repair Wallingford Castle, which was to be refunded out of the demolition money;—order that Evelyn, Jennings, and Rusden pay Molyns the 66*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* towards his compensation.

5. Order on report on the petition of Rich. Keeble, serjeant-at-law [*see* 16 *March* 1657-8] for a warrant to pay him 1,050*l.* due for salary as Commissioner of the Great Seal. *Annexing,*

65. *Report alluded to, not signed.* [½ *page.*]

6. The report from the Committee on Matthew Hardy's petition concerning his house at Lambeth, with some proposals annexed to

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March 30. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

Serjeant Ed. Dendy's petition concerning prisoners under his charge, and provision for them, referred to the former Committee and Lord Sydenham, to examine and report.

8. The Admiralty Commissioners requesting to be excused obeying the order of 16 March, referring it to them to examine the bills and contracts for Mardike, and to sign orders to the Navy Commissioners for payment, as they find it hinders their other work;—order that Fleetwood and Sydenham speak with them, and report what should be done.

9. To consider Maj. Balfour's petition next Thursday.

10. Order on report on the petition of Phil. Tandy, that 200*l.* be paid him for past services to carry him to Ireland, and a warrant issued to the Treasury Commissioners accordingly. Approved in person. *Annexing,*

66. *Report alluded to, that his salary and service as registrar accountant be continued to* 23 *March next, he finding out some expedient for performance of the business of the office, without charge to the State; also that his salary with arrears be paid from Drury House; but if this cannot be done speedily, as he is soon to go over to Ireland, he should receive it from fee farm rents; also that he should have* 200*l. from the Exchequer, as a Commissioner for Public Debts.* [1½ *pages.*]

11. The petition of the Governors of the Chest at Chatham referred to Mr. Comptroller, Sydenham, Mulgrave, Skippon, Lisle, and Strickland, to speak with Commissioner Pett and Capt. Taylor, send for whom they please, and report.

16. The petition of John Halke, minister of Upminster, Essex, sequestered in 1646 by the Committee for plundered Ministers, for restoration to the liberty of preaching, referred by the Protector to Council, referred to Nye, Caryll, and Peters, to consider his certificates, enquire into his fitness to preach, and report. [*J.* 78, *pp.* 529–533.]

March 31. April 10. Caen. Capt. Thos. Hunt to Sec. Nicholas. Thanks for your readiness to procure for Mompesson and myself commissions from the King, enabling us to serve him both in person and with what friends we can make, who may be considerable. Mompesson should have one to raise a regiment of horse, easier to be levied than foot in those parts where he lived. I think he could shortly do it, but fears his want of experience in soldiership; yet with his ingenuity, valour, and ardent zeal, he will quickly attain it, and be assisted by officers who served in the former unhappy wars, amongst whom I presume to include myself. [1½ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 31. April 10. Paris. Sir Peter Killigrew to Lucas Lucie, merchant of London. I am sorry you have not received my 2 last, but will be more careful in future. I have not come here to avoid my share of the pains you are pleased to take, since my whole design is to serve you more usefully in whatsoever you command, at my return into England. I shall take more pleasure in performing your commands than other

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young people take in Hyde Park and Spring Gardens. [1 *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

March 31. April 10. Paris. [Ambassador Lockhart] to Sec. Thurloe. I hear from Flanders that their designs against England are laid aside till September with Charles Stuart's consent, on condition that the arms and provisions gathered at Nieuport and Ostend remain untouched, and that then no pretence hinder the vigorous prosecution of this affair. Meantime they will continue their preparations, and give it out that they are intended for spring. They intended to land their little army at *Plymouth*, and were encouraged to do so from the little resistance they expected there, where they have friends who promised to secure one of the ports of the town, and they believed the garrison small, and the fortifications inconsiderable. They thought their landing would be favoured by insurrections at *Bristol and Gloucester*. I have seen the copy of a letter from *Charles Stuart's agent* at Madrid to his master, saying that he has not yet touched the 3,000 crowns which was to be given for the voyage of that person whom *the King* was to send into Spain, but should soon send him a bill for it on a merchant in 486. The Spaniards wish the treaty with this person could be made in *Flanders*, and complain that he is cautious and scrupulous. The person that manages this intrigue is one 23, 150, 222, 264, who was formerly *with the Protector from Charles Stuart*. If his correspondent in 486 could be found out, more light might be had. Their preparations for landing were utensils for fortification and palisades, fit rather to make a weak place strong than to take a place of strength. [*Extract, French correspondence. Italics cyphers decyphered, figures undecyphered.*]

March ? Mardike Committee to Col. Smith, Governor of Hull. As the transport of men to Mardike requires despatch, you are speedily to complete the 300 or more, for each of whom you will be allowed 20*s.* for charges of raising and conducting aboard, which you are to pay them at their being shipped, and tell them that on landing in Flanders, they will receive coats, shoes, and stockings. You are to provide yourselves with the necessary funds from the county, and draw a bill of exchange on Wm. Jessop, with whom an order has been taken accordingly. The Admiralty Commissioners will appoint vessels at Plymouth for the transport, and you are to communicate with the Commissioner, probably Capt. Hatsell, about your proceedings. With note of like letters to Col. Norton and Sir John Coppleston. [*I.* 78, *p.* 869.]

March ? **67.** Jno. Bland to Robt. Blackborne. Having been hindered attending you concerning my kinsman's durance in Spain, and his evil usage, which appears extreme, I have had his letter copied, whereby their sufferings may appear, and now that an opportunity offers by the Spaniards lately taken, I hope, with your assistance, some way may be found for their redemption by exchange. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

67. i. *Geo. Bland to Jno. Bland. I have by former letters advised my sad condition. We lost all your and our friends' goods, which had been a sufficient advantage to*

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the people, without so inhumanly using our persons, being merchants seeking our livelihood; had we been among the Turks, we should have had a better passage than we have received from this people, who, though they have seen how freely those which our fleet took used theirs, yet have they no way regarded that piece of generosity, but smiled thereat, not valuing us, seeing that we were not so much as thought on to be demanded; and though you have given us notice of the diligence used with you there for our remedy, it as yet proves unsuccessful, nor are the letters sent to any purpose, neither do any of this nation, being once at liberty, regard any manner of gallantry used to them, but rather grow the more insolent, supposing it is on other respects than nobleness that they are freed, having made us the King's prisoners and sent our case up to Madrid, and God knows what will become of it.

Our hearts are broken to see our usage, for although I have no antipathy to the freedom and good usage the Spaniards have in England, yet till, by a little harsh usage, they be made to know themselves, this nation will never learn to well use their prisoners. Instead of the allowance their people have in England, since 6 *Oct. they have not allowed us a maravedy, and in lieu of being confined to a town, they enclose us in a common jail, among rogues, murderers, and thieves, after having kept us in a castle* 4 *months in chains, without allowing us a bed to lie upon more than the hard soil, or suffering any man that would have accommodated us with a coverlid to have access to us.*

I have not hitherto complained, but finding no remedy, I cannot longer forbear; the injuries we have received should be made notorious; had they taken us empty, they might be the more excusable, but after enjoying 15,000*l. sterling, to use us thus is more like Turks than Christians, insomuch that had not cousin W. B. underhand relieved us in some measure, we had starved long since; and should he be forced away, we must of necessity come to that end. God in his mercy look upon us, and give us patience, and stir up the hearts of our governors in England to have compassion upon us. I beseech you to use your utmost endeavour with General Montague and apply yourself unto his Honour, as also unto the Admiralty Commissioners, that we may be redeemed from this our insupportable bondage. In case it happen that any Spaniards of quality fall into their hands, let them not be permitted to depart England till we are free, for except some such course be taken, we must end our days in this place. Let these lines be made appear to the world, that the Spaniards' cruelty may be known to all men, and neglect no opportunity to seek to obtain our*

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freedom, and we shall ever pray for you and yours. [1⅓ *pages.*]

March? **68.** Sir Fras. Norris to Williamson. I have not heard from [Ned] for long, so I could not send him anything but by you. If you leave France, tell me how to direct to Ned, but we hope to see you both in England soon. [1 *page, damaged.*]

March. **69—130.** Receipts for sums expended by Sec. Thurloe on public intelligence, from 29 April 1657 to 17 March 1658. [62 *papers.*]

[April 1.] **131.** Petition of Major Wm. Balfour, for himself and his infant son, William, to the Protector. In 1641 I married Margaret, sole daughter and heir of Bart. Hackett, of Tower Hill, and had 3 children, of whom only William survives. I was promised 2,000*l.* with my wife, but never received it, as it remained in trust with Sir Paul Pindar, from whom it descended to Mr. Toomes, and he coming to an untimely death, the estate became forfeit, on which you allowed Hackett 120*l.* a year for life, for himself and us, but as he died last August, we are brought to extreme penury. We beg continuance of the 120*l.* a year for our lives, or 1,000*l.* out of the estate. With reference thereon to Privy Council. 21 October 1657. [¾ *page.*]

April 1. Order thereon in Council for a pension of 10*s.* a week gratis to the petitioners for present relief, until further order. [*I.* 78, *p.* 534.]

April 1. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on certificate from Gabriel Beck concerning granting a cattle market to be held on Wednesdays weekly at Aylesbury, that a writ of *ad quod damnum* issue for inquiry whether such would injure any other places.

3. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Sir Wm. Balfour a weekly pension of 3*l.* from March 1 last.

4. **132.** The petition of James, Earl of Abercorn, and James, Lord Paisley, his son and heir, referred to Lords Whitelock and Widdrington 2 of the Treasury Commissioners, William, Lord Lenthall, Master of the Rolls, and Geo. Smith, one of the judges of Scotland, to examine and certify within a month, and meantime the Council in Scotland are to forbear further proceedings.

5. To add Mr. Manton and Cooper to the referees named in an order of 30 March, on Mr. Halke's petition, and to amend the order accordingly.

6. The petition of Wm. Coney referred to Lord R. Cromwell, Desborow, Lord Chamberlain, Strickland, and Jones, to speak with Counsel and report.

7. To appoint Ed. Taylor lecturer to preach every Sunday afternoon at Richmond, Surrey, and the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to pay him the augmentation of 60*l.* a year settled on the minister of Richmond. Approved 21 April.

8. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle 20*l.* a year on the minister of Nassington, co. Northampton,

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from the rent received on the lease of tithes impropriate of Nassington. Approved 10 and 21 April.

9. Order on report from the Committee on the condition of widows of officers lost at sea returning from Mardike, especially the widows of Col. Fras. White and Capt. Francis Kelsey, to advise an order to pay William, Lord Goffe, Alexr. Weld, and Maj. Clement Keane, 600*l.* in trust for the portions of White's 3 daughters, to be paid on their marriage or majority, and in case of the death of any before inheritance, her portion to be shared by the survivors; also for payment of 36*l.* a year to Mary White, towards maintenance of her daughters till the 600*l.* is paid, and all these payments to be made gratis, without fees.

10. To advise a like order to pay Maj.-Gen. Thos. Kelsey 200*l.* in trust as the portion for Capt. Francis Kelsey's daughter, to be paid to her as in the above order, or in case of her death, to her mother; also to pay Troth Kelsey, her mother, 12*l.* a year towards her support, till the 200*l.* is paid, and all payments to be gratis.

11. Order on certificate from several army officers concerning the condition of the poor families of officers cast away with Col. White, *viz.*, of—

Lieut. Wm. Gore,	Thos. Southall,
Ensign Rich. Neale,	Sergt. Lieut. Needs,
Ensign John Collingwood,	Sergt. Hitch,

that the Committee for Mardike consult with the Ely House Commissioners what can be done, and report.

12. The Ely House Commissioners to settle on Troth, relict of Capt. F. Kelsey, who died of sickness taken at Mardike, 20*l.* a year.

13. Reference on the petition of Thos. Kidder, of Blackfriars, London, and 3 other trustees of the regiment late of Col. Rich, now of Col. Ingoldsby, to the Treasury Commissioners, to certify. *Annexing,*

133. *Report of the said Commissioners on this order and that* 20 *Nov.* 1655, *that the Maison Dieu, Dover, was sold to them as stated* [*see* 11 *Oct.* 1655] *for* 3,210*l.*, *which, with* ½ *year's rent and expenses of prosecuting a discovery, comes to* 4,694*l.*; *and that the late Commissioners for discoveries certify that the petitioners discovered* 6,500*l. due from the late Sir Ant. Percival, Customs' Collector at Dover.* 2 *July* 1658. [1⅓ *pages.*]

15. Fleetwood, Lisle, Lord R. Cromwell, Jones, Lord Chamberlain, and Sydenham, to consider the transport to Mardike of 40 Germans, allowed 29 March to an officer of Capt. Stoope's regiment, to recruit his company in the King of France's service.

16. The Commissioners for regulation of Excise to consider the petition of Capt. Greg. Tom, concerning a parcel of tobacco, alleged of Jamaica growth, for which the Excise Commissioners refuse to give tickets, and report.

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17. On certificate from counsel, that they have consulted with Dr. Walker, and find no better course for bringing the Prize Goods' Collectors,—John Sparrow, Rich. Blackwall, and Hum. Blake,—to account for money and goods received, than by process out of the Admiralty Court, on whose decrees and judgments much of their accounts depend, than to call them to account on oath, and on any omission, surcharge them by his Highness's advocate:—Order that proceedings be accordingly had in the Admiralty Court, and measures taken towards the same.

18. The petition of innkeepers and hackney coachmen, for themselves and other parishioners of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, St. Clements, and Savoy, concerning Ivy Bridge in the Strand, read.

19. Gab. Beck, solicitor for his Highness's Counsel, to take care, at the next quarter sessions of Westminster, that indictments be preferred against such persons as have, by their default, allowed the highways about the Mews to become out of repair, to the endangering of passengers.

20. Order on report on the petition of Rich. Tomlyns, Baron of the Exchequer [*see* 16 *March* 1658]—that 1,061*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* is due to him for 6½ years' salary, of which he only received 100*l.* on a warrant of 1 Feb. 1654–5, that he have a warrant for the balance of 961*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and for future payment of 163*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly. *Annexing,*

134. *Report alluded to by Lord Rich, Cromwell and Fiennes.* [¾ *page.*]

22. The report from the Committee on petition of Nicholas Lord Barnwell, and papers transmitted from the Council in Ireland concerning him, recommitted for fresh consideration and report.

23. The letter from the Council in Scotland of 11 March, and the certificate enclosed concerning Geo. Bilton's account, referred to the Committee on Bilton's business, to report.

24. The same Committee to allow liberty to Dudley Short on security, if they think fit.

25. Lords Whalley, Goffe, Pride, Cooper, and Berry, to consider the condition of Hen. Howard, *alias* Robt. Baron, prisoner of the Marshal-general of the army, and the paper exhibited to-day concerning him, and to give him liberty if they see cause. [*J.* 78, *pp.* 524–542.]

April 1. **135.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Business affairs. I wish you had sent me 3 or 4 copies of Sir K. Digby's new book. Mr. Norris's goods have arrived at Rye.

Mrs. Langbaine left Queen's College, 25 March; she has buried her youngest son since her husband's death. We hear Charles [Potts] is in a mean condition. Christopher has gone to-day to the East Indies, as surgeon's mate. [1 *page.*]

April $\frac{1}{11}$. London. Wm. Swift to [Amb. Lockhart]. I have delivered all your letters except that to Gen. Desborow, who was married last Monday, and has continued ever since at his lady's home.

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It is reported about Whitehall that his Highness intends soon to call a new Parliament; but I am not assured of the certainty. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

April $\frac{2}{12}$. [Percy Church to Sec. Nicholas]. I hear from England that Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Rob. Harley's son, a couple of active Presbyterians, are committed to the Tower. Most of the governors of port towns being suspected of correspondence with Charles Stuart, the nightly search at London is general and more violent than ever for Cavaliers, Papists, &c., and hundreds of peaceable men have been carried to prison. The English are to have leave to take sea commissions from Portugal against the Dutch. Lord Fairfax has prevailed with Cromwell to have the Duke of Buckingham's business heard by 2 arbitrators, Sir Thos. Witherington, late Speaker, and Thurloe. Sidrach Blake is speedily to go with a squadron of ships to the coast of Spain. I doubt Ormond's being in your parts. Lord Berkley is here privately, and I hope it will be to good purpose. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{2}{12}$. Paris. Sir Rich. Browne to Sec Nicholas. No answer is yet given here to Cromwell's insolent proposition about being declared King. A strict search is made in London, almost every house ransacked, and 200 persons seized as suspected—Sir W. Waller, and Browne, late sheriff, among them, and divers other Presbyterians of note. It is said that his Majesty now ploughs with these heifers, and that his intended invasion was a Presbyterian plot, but is abated, and like attempts will now be prevented by the careful settling of the City militia in godly and well-affected hands. The Duke of Buckingham's business is referred to Sir Thos. Witherington and Thurloe, to take bail for his good behaviour, and he is to have his liberty. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{2}{12}$. S. Fox to [Sec. Nicholas]. The King will continue his house at Bruges another season, but will send for some of his goods here. I wish you a safe journey hither. I send a bill to your son, Edward, for the post of letters. The Lord Chancellor is going to Breda to see his wife and family. M. de Beauvais, who fought the duel, is dead of his wounds, the other was killed on the spot.

P.S.—The Chancellor bids me send you 30 florins for Jane, a waterman. [$1\frac{1}{3}$ *pages.*]

April $\frac{2}{12}$. Brussels. T. Ross to Sec. Nicholas. I cannot yet say whether *you* are to be sent for hither, but I hear that many wish it. I think *Hyde* is glad that he is alone, *Bristol* being retired. He has been very pleasant for some days, either through this or a belief of the current tidings of *Monk's* deserting *Cromwell,* and siding with *the King.* I spoke to Plumleigh* about it, and he told me, as a great secret, that *Ormond* was gone to Monk, and that was the principal ground on which the suit was to commence. The report of *the King's* deed of gift [*declaration*] being published, the heads whereof are sent from London, are but forerunners to the business, so we shall not be in suspense long.

* Cypher to which there is no key.—ED.

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The King is told that all the English at Mardike were shipped, with their cannon, for England. The report of Monk's being refractory to Cromwell is seconded by some who have come from England, one being Dr. Quatremain, of Lewes, Sussex, an acquaintance of mine. Some say that the Earl of Oxford is sent to the Tower. My wife writes of a general clapping up, but most men released on parole. She encloses a letter from Magden* to Beene*, inquiring after an important letter which Magden* gave Beene* from *Dick Pile* for you, to which he wants an answer. [1⅓ *pages, Flanders correspondence. Italic cyphers, partially decyphered.*]

April $\frac{4}{14}$. Dixmude. Capt. P. Mewes to [Sec. Nicholas]. I send the enclosed by an express, the ordinary messengers being very negligent. I am sorry Altham's behaviour at Nieuport drew such a suspicion on him, and exposed him to so severe a censure from those who did not know his former conversation. He came by the packet because he could not find a convoy. That he did not come this way shows rather ignorance than guilt; he could not land at any of these ports without a strict examination, which hazard one who intended to be a spy would not run, when the passage to Holland was so easy and open. His having a pass from Lawrence is not strange, since they are easily purchased by any who have acquaintance in England, especially for one who was never in arms against Parliament. This season it is unsafe to be without one.

His proffer of a ransom must have been through fear of a chargeable imprisonment, or it might be on account of the late Placaert. His not going with us to Scotland, but going to England, was because he had not agreed with the lords of Over Yssel for his pension. He would have put himself in a condition to serve the King handsomely, had not our business in Scotland declined. He bears a very good character. Were I not assured of his loyalty, none would be more against him than I, the preservation of the King's person and cause being so dear to me that for it I am a stranger to some of my nearest relations. He may have been ill represented to his Majesty, and so some order he sent about him, but let him not be prejudiced till he is examined at Brussels. Endorsed [by Nicholas], "On behalf of Mr. Altham, now under restraint at Nieuport." [3 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*] *Enclosing,*

1. *Emm. Altham to Capt. Peter Meux. It adds to my affliction that I cannot see you and my acquaintance, but most that I cannot be brought before the King to give him some account of the place whence I came. You sent me his commission, but I left it at Amsterdam, not daring to carry it amongst his enemies. I am cruelly censured here, but I think it is for my money, which they have taken from me.*

If I am not speedily removed from this noisome place, my health will suffer, but my petitioning rather aggravates them, so that I am looked on as a traitor to the King of Spain, though my letter out of England said I would engage in this

* Cypher to which there is no key.—ED.

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employment rather than trust myself among the rebels in England. I have written to the Lord Chancellor, but know not if my letter is sent. I hope you may get me my quarters enlarged till I hear from Court. $\frac{2}{12}$ *April* 1658. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{4}{14}$. Dixmude. Sir Rich. Mauleverer to Sec. Nicholas. I do not know enough of Mr. Altham, now prisoner at Nieuport, to justify him myself, but those of his own country of Essex who knew him well said he left an employment in Holland for the King's service 4 years ago, and was then deeply engaged. Those designs would not have been told him without assurance of his fidelity. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

[April $\frac{4}{14}$.] Col. Wm. Slaughter to Sec. Nicholas. Altham has always been reputed as well affected to the King, and when I was a prisoner in England, he showed me much kindness, and he has since advised with me how best to serve his Majesty. I am confident he came over with no other intention. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

April 5. **136.** Sam. Dyer to Sec. Thurloe. I cast myself upon you, and am sorry that my necessity enforces me to be troublesome. I have expended for clothes, linen, &c., what I have received, and for some days past have wanted bread. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

136. I. *Receipt by Dyer from Sec. Thurloe of 5l. for the public service.* 5 *April* 1658. [*Scrap.*]

April 5. Weston. **137.** Edw. Norris to [Williamson]. I am very sorry that being here I cannot render you the service you request. I did not arrive soon enough here to receive the blessing of my godfather, Mr. Raye, who died the next day at Fretwell, 3 leagues off. I will go and see Mr. Whorwood. The news of your return is too good to be true. Let me know when you leave soon enough to be able to meet you both 20 leagues from London. Unless you make haste you will lose your garters, and will not dance at my wedding. Private affairs. [1 *page, French.*]

April 5. **138.** Grant by Wm. Ryley, Norroy King-at-arms, to Wm. Petty *alias* Petit, of Bolton in Craven, co. York, and of the society of Barnard's Inn, London, of arms, viz., Quarterly, or and azure; on as bend gules, 3 phæons, or. Crest on helm and wreath, a crane argent. [1 *sheet.*]

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3. Nothing having been paid to the Treasurers-at-war of the 17,000*l.* receipts for excise in Ireland, which was to be issued for pay of the forces in Ireland, order for a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the said Treasurers the 17,000*l.*

4. Sydenham, Jones, and Strickland, to consider what is now offered concerning settling an augmentation formerly granted to Dr. Ward, and report.

5. Order on report on a petition of Step. Seares, porter at Whitehall, and also on a report from [the Revenue Committee] William

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Lord Robartes, Capt. Stone, and Gervase Bennett,—that they believe that the money was spent in the service, and that 120*l.* in addition to what he has received from the Revenue Committee will satisfy his disbursements and services to 25 March 1650,—to advise a warrant for payment of the 120*l.* *Annexing,*

139, 139. I. *Reports on which the order is founded, viz., that of the Revenue Committee* 25 *May* 1654, *with a reference June* 30 *to the Treasury Commissioners, and that of the Committee of Council.* [*See* 8 *Sept.* 1657. 2 *papers.*]

6. The petition of Wm. Sandys referred to Lords Whalley and Goffe, to order him to be set at liberty if they see cause.

7, 8. On petition of Sir Thos. Vyner and Edw. Backwell, goldsmith of London,—that they have contracted with the East India Company for a quantity of foreign specie, and silver and gold bullion, that the Act requires that $\frac{1}{3}$ of what is exported should be coined in the Mint, and the other $\frac{2}{3}$ should pay 1 per cent. custom, but being straitened in time for the coining of the $\frac{1}{3}$, they beg to export 6,000 lbs. of silver and 60 lbs. of gold, on bond to coin $\frac{1}{3}$ within 4 months,—order that they have leave to transport 20,000*l.* in foreign silver and gold, paying the usual custom, and giving the said security, and that a warrant be issued thereon. Approved 21 April. With the warrant accordingly, 16 May. [*I.* 14, *p.* 120.]

9. The petition of Anne, Countess of Bristol, referred to Lisle, Mulgrave, Lord R. Cromwell, Strickland, Desborow, Fleetwood, and Jones, to report.

11. On report by Capt. John Toppin, governor of Tynemouth Castle, and Rob. Fenwick, on the reference to them and others, on 16 March last, of the petition of the well-affected of Gateshead, co. Durham;—order that as the said persons should be heard before the case is determined, the 4 former referees, with Mark Shafto, hear both parties on the matter of the petition and certificate, state the whole case, and certify their opinion. Meanwhile the present 24 at Gateshead are to forbear all proceedings to any election for supply of vacancies among themselves, or the town officers.

13. Order on report from the Committee on the desire of Charles, Viscount Howard, concerning Carlisle garrison, that Mr. Walker receive 200*l.* from the Army contingencies, and issue it to Lord Howard as desired, for repair of the same. Approved 21 April.

14. Order on report from the Committee on his request concerning the dividing of his company at Tynemouth of 120 privates into 2 companies, increasing them to 70 a company, and completing his regiment to 10 companies, instead of 9 as at present, of which 5 are at Berwick, 3 at Carlisle, and 1 at Tynemouth;—to advise an order to add to his company one of those lately raised for the securing of Hartlepool, to complete his regiment to 10 companies as desired.

15. Fleetwood, Lord R. Cromwell, Desborow, Mr. Comptroller, Sydenham, Lisle, and Skippon to speak with Col. Rob. Guibon about supplying, either by reducement or otherwise, a company for the major who has been appointed to him, and has no company settled.

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16. To add to Col. R. Guibon's regiment the staff officers allowed in other foot regiments, and to insert them in the establishment, that they may receive pay accordingly. Approved 21 April.

17. To allow on the Army establishment the pay of a chaplain for the companies of Kingston-upon-Hull garrison, according to the usual proportion. Approved 21 April.

18. The petition of John Warner, and 4 other shipmasters, for a warrant for payment of 275*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* due for freight of ammunition and goods sent to Mardike, on contract with the Ordnance officers, referred to the Ordnance officers, to see them paid from money allowed for Mardike expenses.

19. Frost to pay the warrants charged on him for Mardike expenses as directed by the Mardike Committee, who are to ascertain what they are, and order accordingly; and especially the warrant for Col. White's brother-in-law.

20. Order that Frost pay to the Navy Treasurer the 100*l.* paid him towards 261*l.* 10*s.* for Rob. Seaman, surgeon, for quarters and other charges of soldiers sent from Mardike to Harwich, as by Council order of 23 March, the Navy Commissioners having signed a bill on their treasurer for payment of the said 261*l.* 10*s.* out of moneys for Mardike.

21. **140.** To restore to the Earl of Warwick the 2 brass sacres, 6 iron pieces carrying 3 lb. bullets, 4 short iron dogs, and 107 snaphances, which are reported to belong to him, and which were lately in Tilbury Fort, together with their carriages (if any), and the Admiralty Commissioners to issue warrants accordingly. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 542–549.]

April $\frac{7}{17}$. Paris. [Amb. Lockhart to Sec. Thurloe]. I am informed of a design against his Highness by poison. One of the ladies belonging to the little Queen [Henrietta Maria], overheard her in discourse with Lord Jermyn about it, and told it my informer, with whom she has some intrigue. I could learn nothing of the persons employed in so horrid a business. Be careful to inquire if any have been lately admitted to the kitchen or cellar. [½ *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

April $\frac{7}{17}$. Saumur. **141.** J. Montague to [Williamson]. It is unpardonable that I have been a week here without writing to you, but your letter is so excessively obliging that I hardly know how to answer it.

Rosencrantz is gone to Poictiers for the summer. Sheffield and Cholmondely remember themselves to you. [1¼ *pages.*]

April 7. Glentworth. **142.** J. Wray to his cousin North. After some days' repose here, I send your son Harry to you, that I may know of your welfare, and that you may advise him as to his inclination to the service now in Flanders. I have not incited him to it, and shall leave him to his freedom, especially if it may conduce to his preferment, which I shall always be glad to further, though he has hitherto been content with a mean abode with me.

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Let him return Monday or Tuesday. If you would come with him, you would have a hearty welcome. [1¼ *pages.*]

[April 8.] **143.** Commissioner Peter Pett to Fras. Bacon, Master of requests. There are between 800 and 900 pensioners belonging to the chest of Chatham; 220 have lost legs or arms, and the greatest allowance that has been given to any, unless it be to some few who have lost both eyes, arms, or legs, is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a year, which is scarcely half the allowance given to others in like cases. Notwithstanding the last payment, there is between 2,000 or 3,000*l.* due to them, which has reduced them to such extreme misery, that I fear many of them have perished of late. We were willing last week to pay the most necessitous out of the 1,000*l.* last ordered, which gave little satisfaction to so great a multitude of poor people, notwithstanding that we left one quarter unpaid, so that I was forced to come out of town to avoid their clamours. Being returned home, I have little quiet, for there are many pensioners hereabout that are in the same condition, which with divers that daily come from London, begets so much unquietness, that unless some speedy course be taken for their relief, I shall heartily wish I had nothing to do with it. If it be made to appear that any number of persons can manage this business at a greater advantage to the State and to the interest of the poor men, I shall beg that we may leave off.

If Rochester Cathedral were given to the Governors to be improved, as mentioned in the petition referred by my Lord Protector to Council, it might go towards paying the arrears, but meantime if the Admiralty Commissioners could spare the other 1,000*l.* remaining on an order granted for their relief in Nov. last, it would conduce much to the satisfaction of those persons whose necessity is such that it makes them clamour for want of their money. 6 April 1658. Chatham Dock. [1 *page, damaged.*]

April 8. **144.** Reference thereon by Council to the Admiralty Commissioners, to give present relief to the pensioners, and offer advice for their future relief. [½ *page; also I.* 78, *p.* 552.]

April 8. **145.** Petition of Anne, widow of Col. Thos. Ayloffe, to the Protector. I thank you for your princely bounty to me and my children, when I first petitioned you on my husband's death [*see* 5 *March* 1657]. It has been my main subsistence ever since. But my whole personal estate is seized on by a judgment of 500*l.*, and I am put to compound for the bed I lie on, and the estate of inheritance will be forfeited next January, without speedy help. My last petition was referred to your Council, but no relief is yet given to me or my daughter, nor employment found for my son. I beg this, and help to redeem part of my estate. [1 *page.*]

April 8. Reference thereon by Council to Skippon, Fleetwood, Lord Rich. Cromwell, Sydenham, Mulgrave, Strickland, Lord Chamberlain, and Jones, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 553.]

April 8. **146.** Petition of Capt. Rich. Pechell to the Protector. The Long Parliament, on 9 July 1649, settled 100*l.* a year on me, for my wounds and loss of limbs, out of Papists or Delinquents' estates, and

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100*l.* from the public revenue, which you confirmed 6 Sept. 1655, but I have many charges in obtaining payment, living 8 miles away, and I have a wife and 6 small children. I beg a lease of forfeited lands to this value, or 150*l.* a year to me and my heirs from forfeited estates in Ireland, as granted to the late Col. Hammond.

Also allowance of the 632*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.*, due to me as executor to Major Bethell, &c., on Dean and Chapter lands without doubling, or lands in Ireland equivalent. With reference, 13 March, to Privy Council. [1 *page.*]

April 8. **147.** Reference thereon by Council to Skippon, Fleetwood, Lord R. Cromwell, Sydenham, Mulgrave, Strickland, Lord Chamberlain, and Jones. [⅔ *page; also I.* 78, *p.* 554.]

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1. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Henry Malcolm, gamekeeper of co. Middlesex, 30*l.* a year.

3, 4. Whereas the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers on 26 Feb. 1654–5 settled 100*l.* augmentation on Walter Cradock, minister of Usk, co. Monmouth, and whereas Langome Vicarage, co. Monmouth, is of small value, and part of the tithes belong to the parsonage, lately demised by the said Trustees to Rich. Creed, who will surrender them for the benefit of the parish—Approval of an order that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers cause the arrears of the 100*l.* a year to be paid to Cradock; that the tithes annexed to Langome Vicarage be settled on the minister, and that the said Trustees settle on Cradock for life 80*l.* a year from impropriations in the county, late in the tenure of Hector Morgan, the under tenants to pay him the respective sums and have them defalcated from their rent; Jones, Strickland, and the Lord Chamberlain to speak with the Trustees thereon, and on the premises being so settled, the 100*l.* granted to Cradock to cease. Approved by the Protector 20 April.

5. The petition of Jn. Cambell, of Glenorchy, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

6. That of Aaron Stocall, Advocate-General in Jersey, referred to the same.

7. The paper from the Receivers for new Buildings read, and referred to Jones, Strickland, Fleetwood, Wolsley, and Mr. Secretary, to examine the business, and report.

9. Order on report from the Committee on the Savoy and Ely House Hopitals, that Sam. Ward, Jos. Larke, Methuselah Turner, and Sam. Cooper, be Commissioners for the hospitals, and sit at Ely House, dispose of the money, examine pensions already granted, discharging or abating them where they see good grounds, and, where it will be an advantage to the Committee, giving a sum of money to take off a pension, granting none but on urgent necessity and using all means to improve the revenue. In case of difficulty, they are to apply to the supervisors. They are each to have 50*l.* a year, beside their former salary as Commissioners for sick and

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wounded seamen, and the following salaries are to continue: John Bressie, treasurer, 200*l.*; and sums from 140*l.* to 30*l.* to 2 overseers, comptroller, physician, surgeon, and 3 mates, clerk, chaplain, doorkeeper, 2 messengers, and porter—12 in all.

Also that Fleetwood, Desborow, Montague, Sydenham, Jones, Lords Whalley, Goffe, Pride, and Hewson, Col. John Clerke, Maj.-Gen. Kelsey, Col. Edw. Salmon, Maj. Rob. Beake, Col. Fenton, and Lieut.-Col. Mosse be supervisors, to carry on the affairs and direct the Commissioners and officers; also to take care that the Trustees keep an exact account of moneys received and issued, to be audited yearly. Approved 21 April. *Annexing,*

148. *Report on which this order was founded.* [*Draft,* 1¾ *pages.*]

148. I.–III. *Notes of proceedings in the Hospitals' Committee,* 24, 29, *and* 30 *December* 1657, *partly in shorthand.* [3 *papers.*]

148. IV. *Report of the managing committee of the Hospitals to the said Commissioners, on an order of* 24 *Dec.* 1657. *We were constituted a managing committee in* 1653. *We were to choose such pensioners as were not wholly disabled, and send them to serve in garrisons, bearing their charges thither, but not to exceed* 20 *per cent. In* 1657 *we were ordered to allow pensions to disabled soldiers from Jamaica and the West Indies, and to the widows and children of those slain in the service. Our revenues were* 505*l. a week from Excise, with the moiety of fines and forfeitures, being about* 1,500*l. a year, and* 230*l. a week from Goldsmiths' Hall, but in November* 1654 *the* 735*l. weekly was to be paid from the Exchequer. Then in* 1656 *it was to be paid by the Navy Treasurer, and has been so since, except* 5 *weeks' arrears from him, and* 5 *weeks from the Exchequer, amounting to* 7,350*l., yet unpaid. With list of the* 19 *officers of the hospitals and their salaries, corresponding chiefly with those retained, but* 7 *were omitted, and the salaries of several much reduced.* 29 *December* 1657. [2 *folio pages.*]

10. Order that the Admiralty Commissioners see that the Ely House moneys are paid to the Treasurers from time to time. Approved 21 April.

11. To advise a proclamation prohibiting all horse races for the next 8 months ensuing.

15. The petition of Hen. Hassard, of Bristol, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [*J.* 78, *pp.* 550–4.]

April $\frac{9}{19}$. Percy Church to Sec. Nicholas. I will not send you more prints from London, as you do not wish it. Thanks for your sending my bill to Mr. Fox. I doubt not his friendship, but materials [for payment] are wanting. Many needless things are written from Flanders, yet I think they tell the truth about Ormond and O'Neale having been, if not still being in England, though it is not owned by the Lord Chancellor or you.

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Endeavours are used by some of *your great faction and ours* for a right understanding not only *between the King and her Majesty,* but likewise *the Chancellor.* It is done chiefly *for their own interests,* in expectation of a change, which, at all hazard, God send us.

The town, and even the French Court, was full of a rumour of the King's being gone to Scotland with General Marsine and 4,000 men to join Monk's, but now they are satisfied of the contrary. I am glad *Sir H. Bennet* directs your sending his letters by my neighbour, *M. Marses.* He was employed before by you when I was absent, and none miscarried. Has Marsine the blue ribbon or not, and what has become of honest Sir Gilb. Talbot? [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

April 10. Approval by the Protector of 7 orders, from 16 March to 6 April. [*I.* 78, *p.* 554.]

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His Highness present.

1. Order, on petition of Lewis Du Moulin, to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay him the same pension as was formerly allowed to his father Peter.

2. To advise a warrant for a commission under the Great Seal for a High Court of Justice according to the Act, for trial of such as his Highness and Council shall appoint.

3. The Army Committee to order the War-treasurers to pay Col. Smith's company 6 weeks' pay more than the rest, on account of their march from Oxford and recruiting charges. Approved in person.

4. Whereas Hen. Hassard, of Bristol, petitioned that he has been employed 2 years by Bristol, Barnstaple, Bideford, and other towns trading to Ireland, to endeavour the settlement of pilotage, light-houses, &c., in St. George's Channel, which is of absolute necessity for increase of trade and preservation of the lives and estates of men, and the petition was referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, who state that they believe the proposals touching pilotage, erecting lighthouses, and planting buoys in the Channel will tend to public good and safety of navigation on the coast of Ireland; but not knowing that coast, nor the places where pilots are proposed to attend, and buoys to be laid, they wish the case to be considered by the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland:—Order that a letter be written to them. With the letter accordingly. [*I.* 78, *p.* 870.]

5. The Army Committee to order the War-treasurers to allow an ensign to be added to the establishment of Jersey. Approved 21 April.

6. The petition of —— Bond referred to the Irish Committee, to report.

7. John Rock's petition referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

9. Order on a certificate from the Ejection Commissioners for co. Dorset, of their necessity to use the books of the Committee of the county, as empowered by Parliament,—that Rich. Stevens, of Blandford Forum, deliver the said books to the said Commissioners accordingly.

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10. Order on report from the Treasury Commissioners that on the attainder of John Lucas, of Hungerford, co. Berks, executed for high treason, they took care to seize his goods, and found a shop book, naming divers debts, and some goods perishable, and gave order for the sale of goods and book-debts, and Quartermaster John Tyly bought them for 80*l.*, but a commission being issued to seize Lucas's estate, there will be an Exchequer process to levy the debts unless discharged—that Tyly should have a Privy Seal for the debts found in the inquisition. *Annexing,*

149. *Report alluded to.* 2 *July* 1657. [1 *page.*]

11. To add Rich. Lee, master of Wigton Hospital, to the assistants to the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers in co. Leicester. Approved 21 April.

12. To add Simon Thelwall, of Placeward, to the said Commissioners for the cos. of N. Wales. Approved 21 April.

13. Order that the Committee for Approbation of Ministers provide 2 or 3 godly and able ministers for the forces at Mardike, consider of fitting encouragement to be given them, and certify with speed. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 554–557.]

April 13. Whitehall. **150.** Warrant signed by the Protector to the Admiralty Commissioners, to appoint a ship of war to repair to Calais, and ride there until the Commander receives orders from Sir Wm. Lockhart, ambassador to the French King. [⅔ *page.*]

April $\frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{3}$. Dixmude. Capt. P. Mewes to Sec. Nicholas. Mr. Altham is at last freed from a severe and chargeable imprisonment. He owes much to you therein. I should be glad to be assured of your recovery. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Ides April. [April 13.] Aureliis Ligerinis. [Orleans.] **151.** Evortius Jollivet to Williamson, Paris. Thanks for your favours, let me have an opportunity of returning them. As to my son, he writes to me in childish fashion of a cause of strife between him and Mr. Faber, who has demanded more from him than he can give. Particulars of the case. I beg you will settle it. I think he has been beaten with a ferule, for he wishes to study privately, and not to attend the schools. Will you take him with you when you go to England and to Oxford? I could send him to Paris. He could learn the language and study at small expense, and then take charge of the young son of some nobleman. [2 *pages, Latin.*]

April 15. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. A draft warrant to the Council in Scotland given, for the better maintenance of ministers, read, amended, the blank filled up with 600*l.*, approved, and to be offered to his Highness as the advice of Council.

2. Mulgrave, Lord R. Cromwell, Fleetwood, Sydenham, Wolsley, Lisle, Strickland, Mr. Comptroller, Desborow, Fiennes, Skippon, and Rous, to consider what may be done to propagate the Gospel in the foreign plantations belonging to this Commonwealth.

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3. The list submitted of persons to be Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers in the counties of North Wales referred to the Committee on that business.

4. The petition of Col. Rich. Holdip referred to the Jamaica Committee to report.

5. To add to the army establishment one ensign to Capt. Rich. Yardley's company in Jersey. Approved 21 April.

6. Order on report from the Committee on how to provide the Major of Col. Rob. Guibon's regiment, with a company, to advise his Highness—for easing the charge of a new company,—to give Major Jno. Chamberlain a commission to be captain of the company now under Capt. Boyce, who is to be continued as lieutenant to the company, with 4*s.* a day pay more than a lieutenant, to equal a captain's pay, and warrants to be given for their respective payments.

7. **152.** The petition of Alice, relict of Thos. Smith, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 557–559.] *Annexing,*

152. I. *Reference thereon by the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners, to examine and certify what debts are due to the deceased for freight of shipping employed in the service, and what part thereof was due to him for his part of the said freight, and chargeable on the treasury of the navy.* 20 *April* 1658. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

152. II. *Account of debts due to Smith, total,* 2,926*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* [1 *page.*]

April 15. Westminster. The Protector to the Council in Scotland. For 100 years past the Gospel has been plentifully preached in the Lowlands, and competent maintenance provided for the ministry, yet no care taken to establish or maintain a ministry for the numerous people in the Highlands, most of whom have scarce heard whether there be a Holy Ghost or not, though some hunger and thirst after the means of salvation. Also there is a maintenance concealed, and unrighteously diverted to the sole benefit of particular persons, and detained both now and in the late King's time, for many years, by those who have no right thereto. Also some ministers who know the language have lately visited those parts, and been courteously used by many longing for the Gospel. We therefore, considering their sad condition, and the good that may rebound to many poor ignorant creatures, request you with all care to find out means for planting the Gospel in those parts, and the Barons of Exchequer in Scotland are to find out 600*l.* a year, from concealed revenues belonging to us, and pay them to nominees to be appointed for carrying on this service. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 557, 558.]

April 16. Navy Office. **153.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received your command last evening, in reference to Mardike, and wish I were in better health to do you service. Nevertheless, perceiving the weight you seem to lay on the present affair, I have

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been over the river to look out some vessels for transportation of the men, but find it a little difficult to procure such as are fit for this service, the river being empty of ships, and the time allotted short enough to make such provision. I shall do what I can to comply with your orders, though I have been sufficiently discouraged by the difficulty and trouble which I met with in obeying such commands as this is, for as yet I cannot, notwithstanding much solicitation, obtain your orders to this office to make out bills of freight to such vessels as I have contracted for by special order. In particular, I was commanded by his Highness and the Secretary of State to freight the Fortune flyboat, with her full lading of provisions, to the Fort at Mardike, and to be employed as a store-house there, which service has been performed according to contract, and the vessel has returned home, but without your order, I cannot procure a bill for her freight, this Office not taking notice of such extra commands to any single person, unless directed to the body.

Please to give me a release from such vexatious complaints, that fill my ears daily, about this and the like cases, or else excuse me from such service as few except myself would accept of. I never hitherto disputed any commands, neither shall I now begin, provided I may be disengaged from my personal obligations, made for the State's advantage, which I am confident you cannot but judge equal and reasonable to grant me, who receive no allowance or consideration in lieu of my pains, care, and hazard of health. [1 *page.*]

April 16. **154.** Report, by Rob. Atkins, on the power of the Trustees for Bishops' lands, and Dean and Chapters' lands, in relation to the sacrist of a church [not named] who, though his place was made void since 29 March 1649, retains possession of the keys and goods of the church, sundry of which are missing, and takes and keeps without account fees for breaking ground, ringing funeral bells, &c. Also in Nov. last, he had the funeral bell rung and a corpse brought into the church during a sermon on the Lord's Day. The minister complaining to the mayor, who was also justice of peace, the case was referred to the sessions, and hurried through, in absence of the plaintiff, and dismissed for want of indictment, though the sacrist had confessed the offence.

Queries:—

(1.) Whether an information lie in this case against both sacrist and justice, on the Act for better observing the Lord's Day?

(2.) Whether the sacrist be not accountable to his Highness for the profits of his place and goods of the church, and a *distringas* to issue?

(3.) Whether the minister may take the keys from the sacrist, and give them to another, to officiate as clerk there?

Answers:—

(1.) That several informations will probably lie in the Upper Bench, both against the justice of peace and the sacrist.

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(2.) A bill in equity will lie in the Exchequer at suit of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers for what belonged to the sacrist, and the Trustees for Dean and Chapter lands may sue for an account of his profits.

(3.) The Dean and Chapter Trustees, in whom is the freehold of the church, may dispose of the keys, not the minister; but the minister may choose his own clerk. [1 *page.*]

April 17. **155.** Thos. Stradling to his nephew, Lieut.-Gen. Edm. Ludlow. Thanks for your letter and many favours. The proclamation for restraint of disaffected persons,—among which I am unjustly numbered,—has not prevented Mr. Mansell and his friends the innocent recreation of Ogmore Downs; and now, the cause being removed, the jealousy will cease, and I shall be able to wait on you in Wiltshire, if you go this summer; only ill-health or restraint should prevent. My service to your lady. [1 *page.*]

[April 20.] **156.** Petition of William, Earl of Lothian, to the Protector. I was employed in the service of England and Scotland from 1637 to 1648, spent my own money, and signed many bonds for moneys which I never saw, which were used for levying soldiers, buying arms and ammunition, providing magazines, &c., I being really only a witness with others that persons lent these moneys for the public. They were esteemed public debts, and never demanded from me till 1652, when, the public representation of Scotland failing, I was pursued as a debtor therefor, and sentences obtained against me. I am the less able to pay by losing the keeping of the Signet given me for 10 years' service, by the wasting of my lands in 1650 and 1651, and by heavy assessments, so that my very numerous family is like to be scattered and turned out of doors.

I beg some remedy, and a stay meantime of all extents on my lands for public debts, for which the creditors cannot complain, as they are secured by infeoffment on my estate. With reference to Privy Council, 9 April 1658. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

156. I. *Gen. Geo. Monk to the Protector. I write you at request of the Earl of Lothian, to say that he is like to be undone by his engagements for the public debts of this nation, in which he engaged with the honest part, and now all his lands are comprized, and a caption against his person for those debts, so that he will be ruined unless you stop proceedings against him till he can have relief from the country that ought to satisfy for those public debts. He is a nobleman who has always lived peaceably since I came hither, and before too, as far as I can understand. Dalkeith,* 26 *March* 1658. [1 *page.*]

April 20. Reference of the above petition and letter to the Committee for Scotland, to report. [*J.* 78, *p.* 567. *See* 4 *May* 1658.]

April 20. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on a letter dated Paris, 20 April, from Sir Wm. Lockhart, ambassador to France, on behalf of Capt. Stoop, to advise licence to Capt. Stoop's officer, who has a company at Mardike, to

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transport 40 Germans to recruit his company of Swiss there, which is part of the King of France's guard.

2. To add to the establishment a major for Col. Guibon's regiment, to be paid from the muster of 29 March. Approved 21 April.

3. **157.** The Admiralty Commissioners to send to Yarmouth such provisions for the garrison as Maj. Burton has certified as necessary.

4, 5. Order, on Mr. Secretary's report of several bills of exchange from public ministers abroad, charged on Martin Noel for sums due on account of their negotiations, *viz.* :—

	£	s.	d.
From Maj.-Gen. Jephson, envoy to Sweden, bill of 17 March 1657–8 for - - -	503	15	0
And another, 10 April, for - - - -	503	15	0
From Sir Wm. Lockhart, ambassador to France, by a bill of 17 March 1657–8 -	500	0	0
And another of 10 April - - - -	500	0	0
By Phil. Meadows, envoy to Denmark, several bills, for 145*l.*, 243*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*, 122*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, in all - - - - - - -	511	13	4
By Geo. Downing, resident in Holland - -	200	0	0
Amounting in all to - - -	£2,719	3	4

to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost the above, to be paid by him to Noel.

6. To advise the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost the above sum speedily.

7. Sydenham, Fleetwood, Lord R. Cromwell, Mr. Secretary, Jones, Lisle, Rouse, and Desborow, to consider how the said sum and other sums for public service may be forthwith paid, and report.

8. Frost to bring in to that Committee all bills for Mardike expenses, for them to consider how such may be paid.

9. Capt. Johnson, being sent as storekeeper to Mardike, to take into charge the provisions sent for the soldiers, and deliver them at the rates paid by the State, by direction of Maj.-Gen. Morgan, and to have for himself and a clerk 8*s.* a day, and 20*l.* in advance; order that Frost pay him 50*l.* in advance for the service. Approved 21 April.

10. To write to Ambassador Lockhart, signifying the necessity for a storekeeper at Mardike, and that he is to endeavour to get such added to the establishment, with 8*s.* a day salary.

12, 13. On report from the Committee on the business of Geo. Bilton, deputy treasurer in Scotland,—that having seized and examined divers papers, they think Dudley Short and Jno. Drywood should be sent in custody, with the papers, to Scotland, for fuller examination of their accounts, and the deceipts endeavoured therein, and their estates which will have to answer for what appears due should be secured; also several sums owed to Geo. Bilton, viz., 500*l.* by Maj. Grove, 500*l.* by Capt. John Blackwell, War-treasurer, and 2,000*l.* by Jos. Sergeant, of Northampton;—order that it be done accordingly, and one of the War-treasurers sent to Scotland, to assist.

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14, 15. Dudley Short to deliver to Mr. Scobell the bond from Maj.-Gen. Grove for 500*l.*, and John Drywood that of John Blackwell for 500*l.*

16. Jos. Sergeant to attend the Committee on Bilton's affairs, or, if he cannot travel, then fit persons to be sent, who are to examine him, and secure Bilton's money in his hands.

17. Wolsley, Desborow, Strickland, Sydenham, Jones, and Mr. Secretary to consider the pensions allowed, and if any may be discharged, and what other charges lie upon the revenue.

18. The proposal and papers of John Green referred to the Committee on the petition of Thos. Smith and other owners of chains laid in the Thames, to report.

19. To advise the following commission, of which a draft was reported by the Committee on the Commissioners for Administration of Justice in Scotland, viz.:—Commission by the Protector for Andrew Kerr to be a commissioner and lord of sessions in Scotland, salary 300*l.* a year English money.

20. Order on a report from the Committee on Mrs. Ayloffe's petition [*see* 8 *April* 1658]—that as 432*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* is due to her husband for arrears, and as she is in sad condition, she should have 40*s.* a week, and some employment should be conferred on her son—recommending the said pension and employment. *Annexing,*

158. *Report alluded to,* 12 *April* 1658. [½ *page.*]

21. The petition of Ellen Agar, widow, of Westminster, read.

22. On report from the Jamaica Committee on the petition of Col. Rich. Holdip,—that the arrears due to him for the American expedition are 515*l.* 15*s.*, of which only 84*l.* has been paid, so that 431*l.* 15*s.* remains due, and that 200*l.* should be paid from the first moneys that come in for the said service:—Order that Fras. Hodges pay the said 500*l.* accordingly. Approved 21 April.

23. Order that John Rusden attend Council to answer his contempt, because being served with Council's order of 30 March last to him and 2 others, to pay 66*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* to Mich. Molins, he refused payment.

25. The petition and certificate of Strange Ransom and Tim. Usher of Norwich referred to Fleetwood, Skippon, Wolsley, Sydenham, Mulgrave, Jones, Lord R. Cromwell, Mr. Secretary, and Desborow, to speak with fit persons, and report.

26. To consider next Thursday the report on Sir Arthur Loftus.

27. **159.** Order on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners about the ammunition, &c., required for Dover Castle,—that on conference with Maj.-Gen. Kelsey, they find certain ropes, powder, shot, &c., required—that the Admiralty Commissioners give a warrant to the Ordnance officers for their delivery accordingly. Approved 2 April. *Annexing,*

159. I. *Note of the said stores ordered.* [⅓ *page.*]

159. II. *Report of the Admiralty Commissioners alluded to.* 22 *March* 1657–8. [½ *page.*]

28. Approval of an order of 8 April. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 561–568.]

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April 21. Approval by the Protector of 21 orders, from 16 March to 20 April 1658. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 568, 569.]

April 21. **160.** List of pensions charged on the Exchequer, 14 by patent, including the Earl of Worcester, 156*l.* yearly—and 40 by Privy Seal, including the Earls of Clanricard, Crawford and Lindsey, and Lauderdale, and many ladies. Total yearly amount, 4,971*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* [1⅛ *pages, damaged.*]

April 21. T. Ross to Sec. Nicholas. *The Lord Chancellor's* confidence about
May 1. *Monk* is vain, and now laid aside. He now says that next season
Brussels. all that was lately expected will be executed. The reason he gave to Hornby* (who shook his head and said it had been twice promised but had failed) was that now *the King* would have all in his own hands, and would have all ready before the time. He said he wondered our friends in *England* should be angry, since such accidents cannot be prevented. The person you name who was lately here was very loud. What he said to *the King* about Harman* I cannot tell, but he said he was commanded to let *the King* know that his friends were extremely troubled that he could find none of Mr. Embry's* family faithful enough to employ, but was forced to put so weighty an affair into the hands of one so odious to them as *O'Neale.* I am afraid the reply gave a great heat. Plumleigh speaks loudly against Humphrey,* and says the business cannot prosper in such hands. I cannot certainly tell where *Bristol* is, but none wish him here again.

It is thought Leyton* will be secretary to the Duke of York; he lives high here, and keeps his coach, and is the perpetual shadow of Lord Berkley. [*Extracts, Flanders correspondence. Italics cyphers.*]

April 22. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of the inhabitants of the Close, Christchurch parish, Norwich, for a lease of the late Cathedral to trustees, with license to receive, and bestow in needful repairs, the benevolence of such as will contribute thereto, that they may enjoy the benefit thereof for hearing the word, and other religious duties. With note of its reading in Council, but no order. [*I.* 93, *No.* 47; *I* 78. *p.* 572.]

April 22. Like notes of petitions of inhabitants of Jersey and Guernsey, reported 7 Aug. 1657 by the Committee for Petitions as fit for the referees on Jersey and Guernsey appeals, viz.:—

John Anquitil and others.
Phil. Carteret and John Lemprière.
Wm. Le Marchant.

With order that the petitions of the inhabitants of Guernsey and Jersey concerning appeals made to his Highness from judgments given in the courts of the islands, be referred to Lords Whitelock and Widdrington, Treasury Commissioners, Lislebone Long, Recorder, and John Sadler and Nath. Bacon, Masters of Requests, who are to receive all appeals from the said inhabitants now depending before Council, learn the truth in the cases, and report. [*I.* 93, *Nos.* 16–18; *I.* 78, *p.* 574.]

* Cypher, but no key.—ED.

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April 22. Note of a petition of Noah Le Geyt of Jersey, appealing from a judgment obtained against him by Chas. Maret. With like reference. [*J.* 78, *p.* 574.]

April 22. **161.** Petition of John Cockaine, John Hill, and Hen. Giles, to Privy Council. Being ordered to appear before you, to give evidence on a charge against John Glover, officer of Margate, Kent, we have attended 12 days. Being very poor, and having large families, we beg speedy hearing or dismissal till required, and an order that Rich. Bartlet, surveyor of Customs at Gravesend, may then appear. [¾ *page.*]

April 22. Order thereon that the Committee on Glover's case meet this afternoon, and dismiss the petitioners if they see cause. [*J.* 78, *p.* 572.]

April 22. **162.** Petition of Chas. Lucas to Council. The Protector, for the sake of continuing peace, having ordered a restraint on the persons of Papists and Delinquents, and a seizure of their horses in and about London, my horses were (by mistake as I conceive) seized and since detained. Knowing my innocency and conformity to Government, I beg their restoration [⅔ *page.*]

April 22. Reference thereon to Whalley, Lieut.-General of the Horse, and Lord Goffe, Maj.-General of the Foot, to release the horses if they see cause. [*J.* 78, *p.* 572.]

April 22. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Gen. Monk's letter of 8 April 1658 to Mr. Secretary, and the paper enclosed, called propositions for improving the revenue in Scotland, referred to the Scotch Committee, which Wm. Purvis is to attend.

2. The Scotch and Irish Committees to meet every Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning.

3. The petition and papers of John Swinton referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

4. The paper presented concerning an admiral in Scotland referred to the Scotch Committee.

5. To advise an order to purchase a parcel of cedar lately brought from the Bermudas for the ceiling of Hampton Court, not exceeding 400*l.*, and an order to the Treasury Commissioners for that sum.

6. Order on a paper presented by Mr. Secretary, concerning divers suspicious and dangerous persons residing near Whichwood Forest, and holding meetings near there, particularly at Ramsden, Milton, and other places adjacent, and committing divers misdemeanours;—to advise a warrant to Rich. Salwey, ranger, Thos. Kew, and 3 other keepers there, with the under-keepers and others, to search for and arrest the said persons, take any arms they find upon them, and bring them before a justice of peace to be proceeded against according to law, and their names to be sent up to Council.

7. On petition of John Pocock—that he was appointed joint treasurer with John Randall, deceased, Wm. Greenhill, and Rich.

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Hutchinson, to receive and pay moneys for widows, maimed soldiers, and others, and that several accounts of the said Treasurers, to April 1, 1652, have been exhibited to Rich. Wilcox and others named in the Act for receiving accounts, who proceeded in the examination, but the accounts for maimed soldiers for 15 months are not yet examined, and the accounts for receipt and payment of 80,000*l.* on several lists remain in Greenhill and Hutchinson's hands;—order that the Committee for Accounts examine the same.

8. Order to recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle 40*l.* augmentation on the minister of Warmwell, co. Dorset. Approved 1 May.

9. Also to settle on the minister of Awborne Chapel, belonging to Bridlington Church, in West Riding of co. York, an augmentation of 50*l.*, and order him to preach once on Sunday at the above chapel, and once at Traistropp Chapel belonging to Carnaby Church.

10. Also to settle an augmentation of 40*l.* on the minister who shall preach every Lord's Day, alternating mornings and afternoons, at each of the 2 chapels of Awborne and Frathorp belonging to Carnaby Church, co. York, the chapels being distant from the parish church of Bridlington, but near each other, and neither of them having maintenance for a preaching minister. Approved 1 May.

11. The petition of several persons for themselves and other recusants who have shown good affection for the States of England and Scotland; also that of the subscribers for themselves and other Roman Catholics of Ireland, referred to Mr. Secretary, Fleetwood, Lisle, Wolsley, Lord R. Cromwell, Jones, Sydenham, Mulgrave, Skippon, Montague, Desborow, and Lord Chamberlain, to report.

12. **163.** On reading a list of the following bills of exchange drawn by Lieut.-Gen. Brayne, which have not been accepted and paid because they exceed the 5,000*l.* formerly ordered to be paid, viz., for 4,610*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.*, 632*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*, and 1,482*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*;—order that the Admiralty Commissioners order the Navy Treasurer to pay the said bills, but not Col. Brayne's arrears, which are provided for otherwise. Approved 7 May.

17. The following augmentations advised by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers approved:—

			£
Hereford	To Mr. Primrose, Hereford	-	10
Hereford	To the minister of Moreton-upon-Lugg	-	14
Lincoln.	" Spalding	- -	50
York	" Halifax	- -	50
York	" Killington	- -	30
Berks	" Helen's in Abington, 30*l.* added to 70*l.*	-	30
Berks	" Thatcham	- -	20
Sussex	" Plaistow	- -	20
Sussex	" Lindfield	- -	30
Sussex	" Selsey	- -	20

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		£
Hants.	To the minister of Odiham - -	59
Suffolk.	„ Naughton - -	20
Kent.	„ Benenden - -	40
Somerset.	„ Stowey - -	10
Middlesex.	„ Hampton, added to 10*l.*	10
Norfolk.	„ Tunstead, added to 30*l.*	10
Durham.	„ Hornecliffe - -	6
Oxon, Dr. Hen. Wilkinson, principal of Magdalen College and preacher of Carefax - - -		60

Approved by the Protector, 1 May.

19. On report from Mr. Cooper, Thos. Manton, and Hugh Peters, on the petition of John Halke, late minister of Upminster, co. Essex, that he is fit to be restored to his ministry;—order that he be allowed to exercise his gifts wherever he is presented with a living, if the Commissioners for Approbation of Public Preachers approve him. Approved 7 May.

22. Approval of the following orders from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, for division of parishes:—

(1.) To sever all lands appertaining to the parish of Rushton St. Peter's, co. Northampton, from that parish, and unite them to Rothwell parish, to make one entire parish, viz., the Nether Hawkes Field, Upper Hawkes Field, the Morter Pit Close, Sedgefield, Dye Close, Blunt's Close, Grass Crofts, Westwalk, Town Close next Bassett's Haw, Bassett's Haw, the great plains divided into 5 closes, and the little plains, with all the buildings thereto belonging.

(2.) Also the chapelry and appurtenances of Longload, parish of Martock, co. Somerset, from the said parish, and make it a parish of itself.

(3.) Also the chapelry of East Preston, co. Sussex, from Ferring parish, and unite it to Rustington parish.

(4.) Also the Township of Davenport and Somerford Booths, co. Chester, and appurtenances, from Astbury, and unite them to Swettenham parish.

(5.) Also the chapelry and appurtenances of Redborough from the parish of Minchin Hampton, co. Gloucester, and make it a distinct parish, with parsonage and profits of lands belonging.

(6.) Also the chapel of Harthill and the Township thereof, and of Broxton, Bickerton, Larton, Buckley, and Egerton, in co. Chester, from Malpas parish, and make it a distinct parish.

(7.) Also the chapelry of Wardington and the Villages of Coton or Coates and Williamscott (except such houses as have always paid to Cropredy Church, co. Oxon) from Cropready parish, and make it a distinct parish.

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(8.) Also that of Penley, co. Flint, from Ellesmere parish, co. Salop, and make it a distinct parish.

(9.) Also that of Liverpool, co. Lancaster, from Walton-cum-Fazakerley parish, and make it a parish.

Approved by the Protector 1 May.

23. Approval of the following orders from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers for union of parishes:—

(1.) To unite the parishes of Banningham and Coleby, co. Norfolk.

(2.) Of East Lexham and West Lexham, co. Norfolk.

(3.) Of Morningthorpe and Fritton.

(4.) Of St. Peter's, Cheshull, St. John in the Soake, near Winchester, co. Hants, St. Michael and Winnall, and as much of Little St. Swithins as lies within Winchester Gates and Lancelot Burroughes's house, which is half in and half out.

(5.) Of Stratton Mary, Wacton Magna, and Wacton Parva parish, co. Norfolk.

(6.) Of Morestead and Chilcomb, co. Hants.

(7.) Of Thurgarton and Albrough, co. Norfolk.

(8.) Of Tangmer and Boxgrove, co. Sussex.

(9.) Of Yeovil and Pitney, co. Somerset.

Approved by the Protector 1 May.

24. Pass for Robert, Earl of Sunderland, Hen. Sydney, and their servants beyond seas, and the Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a ship to convoy them over. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 567–576.]

April 23. / May 3. Brussels. Lord Napier to Sec. Nicholas. The day after I came to town I wrote to my Lord Chancellor for my *congé*, and he promised it, and asked if I would have the pass in Latin or French. I chose Latin, and I have left it for your attestation. I go to Flushing, and there stay till I hear from my friends, and also know whether the Duke of York will have any employment for me, as I hope; but this I conceal, as I am not assured of its success. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

April 27. **164.** Petition of the under clerks, messengers, and serjeants' deputies attending Council, to Council, for a Privy Seal for payment of their ½ year's salaries and their riding charges, in which they have expended much money, and are driven to straits for want of it. [⅔ *page.*]

April 27. Order thereon to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 5,000*l.*, to be issued for their salaries and charges. [*I.* 78, *p.* 578.]

April 27. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Thos. Baker, of the First Fruits' Office, referred to Strickland, Desborow, Lord R. Cromwell, and Mulgrave, to consult the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, and report.

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2. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers to deliver 1,000 tents and folds to whomever Maj.-Gen. Morgan shall appoint, to be sent to Mardike.

3. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle on Rich. Mayo, minister of Kingston-on-Thames, another augmentation of 50*l.*, beside the 30*l.* formerly granted. Approved 1 May.

4. The petition of Oliver Newton, surgeon of the Truelove, for payment of 32*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*, for his chest, instruments, &c., and for the service of himself and servants at Mardike, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report what should be allowed.

7. Order that no warrants for payment of money be signed in future by Council without his Highness's special direction.

8. Council informed that his Highness approves the order of 8 April about Savoy and Ely House Hospitals, with this, that the salary of 140*l.* a year be continued to Mr. Malbone, as agreed.

9. The Commissioners on the business of Ely House and Savoy Hospitals to proceed to execute the order of 8 April, and all papers concerning that affair to be sent to them.

10. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to continue to Mr. Buckley, minister of Woolthorpe, co. Hereford, the augmentation of 29*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* formerly granted, and pay the arrears. Approved 1 May.

11. The Treasury Commissioners' report on Sir Arthur Loftus' petition read.

13. The petition of fish merchants trading from England and Ireland, for themselves and other seamen, referred to Mr. Comptroller, Lord R. Cromwell, Lisle, Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Fleetwood, Mulgrave, and Strickland, to report.

14. To advise confirmation of a contract presented by the Committee of Parliament for improvement of Customs and Excise with Rich. Smith, of Great Nesse, co. Salop, Thos. Lane, of Colwell, and Mark Davyes, of Trippleton, co. Hereford, for a lease of excise on ale, &c., in co. Wilts and city and co. New Sarum (with exception named), for 3 years from 25 March 1658, at 4,000*l.* a year. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 577-80.]

April 28. Jos. Jane to Sec. Nicholas, Brussels. Elliott writes his wife that
May 8. he will come here to her, as the King is going to Frankfort. You
Bruges. have done well to keep your house. If my wife cannot come over, I must send my daughter thither, for I am ashamed to have troubled you with her so long, but there have been difficulties and hindrances in providing for and removing her. It is hard that I am omitted in the list for money, when both my fellows are admitted. Pray remember me therein.

Things are in an ill state in England, the High Court of Justice being set up, and Cromwell's taking notice of so many particulars in his speech to the Lord Mayor.

I wish, when men find themselves at a loss, they would reflect on how they missed their way. But some in the midst of the common

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calamities rejoice in their own splendour and fulness, and consider not that they shame those who have not. Mr. Windham's wife is dead. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

April 29. **165.** Petition of And. Middleton, John Wilmot, and Simon Delboe and Co., English merchants, to the Protector and Council. We are sending 2 ships to Cadiz, and thence to America, and to return to England, and during this time of war with Spain, we are obliged to use several nations to man our ships. We beg licence for the ships and men to trade to the West Indies, we engaging for their return, which will be a benefit to the Customs and Excise. [⅔ *page.*]

April 29. Order for the licence, on security that the ships bring their bullion and other goods to the Port of London. Approved 7 May. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 581, 603.]

[April 29.] **166.** Petition of John Lewin, vintner of Leith, to the Protector. I and Rob. Bedford 2 years since became bound in 1,000*l.* to the Commissioners for Customs and Excise in Scotland for Thos. Lewin, who, through his hard bargain and ill management of the farm of co. Roxburgh, left the nation with Bedford; but both are responsible persons, having been living in Northumberland and Durham, and on a writ at my prosecution, Bedford is taken, and Lewin likely to be. I am very poor and in debt, and if taken on my return to Scotland, I and my family will be utterly ruined, yet the Excise Commissioners in Scotland cannot acquit me.

I beg you to discharge me of my engagement, and to suspend prosecution, and I hope to bring Thos. Lewin and Bedford to pay the debt. With reference 23 April 1658 to Privy Council. [1 *page.*]

Annexing,

166. I. *Petition of John Lewin, vintner in Leith, to the Council in Scotland. Rob. Bedford and I became surety* 18 *months since for Thos. Lewin, late farmer of excise for co. Roxburgh, in* 990*l. for his payment of excise. A few days after, Bedford and Lewin became partners, and then finding they could not fulfil their engagements, fled over seas, leaving unpaid* 440*l., to pay which will ruin me and my family. I beg that I be not injured by my engagement. With reference,* 2 *July* 1657, *to the Commissioners for Customs and Excise in Scotland.* [1 *page, copy.*]

166. II. *Petition renewed. I beg a year's time to produce Lewin and Bedford, who are able to satisfy what they undertook, whereas I, through losses at land and sea, cannot pay. With order,* 10 *November* 1657, *that the Commissioners for Excise and Customs take his security to pay in* 3 *months, or appear before Council, but forbear taking him for* 6 *months. Also that they call for a bond, which he says he has in counter security from one of the farmers, and take an authentic copy of it. Endorsed with note that having given bond* 10 *May, he wishes to return to Scotland.* [1 *page copy.*]

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April 29. Reference thereon by Council to Sydenham, Desborow, Jones, Strickland, Fleetwood, Mr. Secretary, and Lord R. Cromwell, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 587.]

April 29. **167.** Petition of Corn. Burgess, D.D., to the Privy Council. Your order of 23 March last, for me to deliver up the keys of Wells Cathedral was on an untrue information.

1. I know not the petitioners, most of the inhabitants, including the churchwardens, and the mayor and Corporation, denying it, so it was done by combination of a few.
2. I was not served with the order by any deputed thereto by the parish; I have not kept the keys to impede the order of 17 July 1656, of which I was glad, but for the trustees in whom the church is vested by Parliament, his Highness having granted, not the church, but the use of it, and the keys have ever been at the disposal of those who officiate.
3. The church has lately been much spoiled by some of the town. I am the only minister in the liberty in which the church stands; if the petitioners want it uniting to their parish church, they should apply according to the Ordinance for uniting and dividing churches.
4. These petitioners neither resorted to the church nor helped with the repairs for months before I had the keys, though last winter, on account of the broken windows, I could not endure the pulpit, but was obliged to use the reading desk, where divers could not hear me, and I begged for the glazing of the windows, but could not obtain it. The petitioners even quarrel with the townsmen who go to cathedral, and some tried to bring in a petition to oust me, though in their first petition [*see* 17 *July* 1656] they said they derived benefit from my preaching.
5. I never denied them the free use of the church, nor leave to repair it; but though they receive moneys, they do nothing, and none have denied payment on this account.
6. They seek to bring back an old malignant, who took arms against Parliament. I was dismissed in 1649, yet till of late, he usurped the place and took all the large fees, burial dues, &c., and has appropriated the cloisters and churchyard, and sundry goods of the church; he is an extortioner, and has made disturbance in the church for his own gain. This man and his son-in-law are those whom they speak of employing in the church.

I will testify the truth of all this, but beg that those witnesses who cannot travel may be examined in the country, and that I may have copies of all petitioners' answers, &c., in the case. The church door shall be kept open from 6 to 6 daily, and the clerk shall be ready to open any other door, when required for repair. Endorsed with a request that this be presented with any petitions of the inhabitants of Wells. [*page.*] *Annexing,*

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167. I. *Certificate by Wm. Walrond and 9 others of Wells, that ever since Dr. Burgess was preacher, they have had the free use of St. Andrew's church, that it has been as much open as before, and that he has in preaching disclaimed all private interest therein.* 10 *signatures,* 1 *mark. Wells,* 5 *April* 1658.

April 29. Order that Dr. Corn. Burgess be required to deliver up the keys of Wells Cathedral, to be disposed of according to the order of 17 July 1656. [*I.* 78, *p.* 587.]

April 29. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Sir Archibald Johnston, Clerk Registrar of Scotland, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

2. Order on petition of Ben. Duke, minister of South Petherton, co. Somerset, that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers settle an additional augmentation of 20*l.* on him, beside the 30*l.* ordered in December. Approved 1 May.

3. To advise a day of general fasting and humiliation, on account of the visitation of sickness, to be observed in London and Westminster on 4 May next, and in England and Wales on 19 May.

4. Scobell to prepare a draft declaration accordingly.

5. To advise an order to Frost to pay the monies due to Mr. Lockyer, Sterry, and Peters for salaries.

6. Col. Worth Rogers to allow Sir Walter Pye to come up to London, on his parole to render himself prisoner to Col. Legg; moved by Lord Fleetwood.

10. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners, to allow the merchants who have bought saltpetre to transport it, and Mr. Pennoyer and Capt. Rider to transport the 25 tons in their hands.

11. The petition of And. Middleton, Symon Delboe, and John Wilmot, merchants of London, concerning some tobacco imported from the Canaries—referred to the Commissioners for appeal of excise, to report.

12. Order on a report from the Committee for preservation of Customs' on reference from the Committee on a draft order concerning payment of arrears to Robt. Brown, Consul at Algiers, to fill the blanks according to the certificate of William Lord Robartes, auditor of receipts, and agree to the order, viz.:—

13. Whereas by the Tonnage and Poundage Act ½ of 1 per cent., which is 2*s.* on every 20*s.* paid for customs, from 24 June 1657, is to be levied for redeeming captives from Turkish and Moorish pirates, and on 17 Oct. 1657, the Committee for preservation of Customs was appointed to issue the said money; and whereas 863*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* is due to Rob. Brown, Consul at Algiers, for service there;—order that the said sum, and his yearly salary of 100*l.*, be paid from the said duties. Approved 7 May.

14. Ant. Jackson, prisoner in the Tower, to have his liberty on the former security.

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15. The paper asking leave to transport 60 horses, custom free, to the forces at Mardike, referred to the Committee on Mardike.

16. The same Committee to provide for despatch of butter and cheese there.

17. Mr. Comptroller reports from the Committee on the letter from the Council in Ireland about the arrears of the army there, the draft of a letter to the Commissioners in the counties, cities, &c., which was agreed to; order that the Army Committee prepare the letters, and send them to the President to be signed, and also write to their agents in the several counties, to hasten the bringing in of the moneys by the time limited in the said letters.

19. The Army Committee to give warrant for hastening into Ireland the proportion allotted for the forces there, out of the 3 months' assessment payable 1 June next.

20. Also to order that such proportion of the assessment commencing 24 June next as is allowed for Ireland, be sent over to them, as soon as paid in, and the Treasurers-at-war to observe the directions thereon. *Annexing,*

168. *Report on which the 3 preceding orders are founded.* 28 *April* 1658. [1 *page.*]

21. The Army Committee to make assignations to the forces in England and Scotland of the 3 months' assessment payable on or before 1 June next.

25. Lord R. Cromwell, Desborow, Fleetwood, Jones, Mulgrave, Lisle, Mr. Secretary, Sydenham, Strickland, Rous, Skippon, Fiennes, and Wolsley to consider a fit time and place for the sitting of the High Court of Justice, and the state of the evidence, confer with Counsel learned, and report.

26. The Treasury Commissioners' report on the right of Eliz. Salmon's children to lands in Chatham [*see* 15 *April* 1656] referred to Desborow, Jones, Strickland, Fleetwood, Mr. Secretary, and Lord R. Cromwell, to speak with the Admiralty Commissioners and Commissioner Pett, and report. *Annexing,*

169. *Report thereon by Sydenham, Strickland, and Skippon, that on examination of the persons concerned and the deeds, the question is whether the lands which are said to be at or near the dock extend to that part of the dock on which the public buildings are erected, and that enquiry should be made as to the title.* 1 *July* 1658. *With note of order,* 28 *September,* 1658. [1 *page, corrected draft.*]

28. ——— Evans' petition referred to the same Committee as John Lewin's. [*See p.* 379.]

29. The petition of Anne, distressed widow of Jas. Hopkinson, wagon-master-general for the Northern Association, referred to the same Committee.

31. John Jordan's petition read.

32. The Treasurers for forfeited Estates to pay to the respective surveyors of land their salaries due according to warrants.

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33. To allow Wm. Terringham of Terringham, co. Bucks, to come to London and remain a fortnight on business, on security to Lord Fleetwood that he will then return in the same condition he now is, as to his liberty. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 580–588.]

April 29. [President Lawrence to the Commissioners for Assessments in the counties.] By the Act made last Parliament for an assessment of 35,000*l.* a month on England, the Commissioners were to have their first general meetings on or before 2 July and 2 Jan., and their second on or before 16 July and 16 Jan., and so proceed that the first 3 months' assessment might be paid in before 1 Sept. and the second before 1 Dec., the third before 1 March, and the last before 1 June in every year during the 3 years. The state of affairs requires the bringing in of the June assessments with all speed, and the hastening of those for the next 6 months will be of very great advantage, and prevent free quarter, which otherwise will inevitably follow, and the Act authorizes the bringing in the moneys within 3 months.

We therefore request you to have the June assessment paid in by 1 June, and so to appoint your meetings that the moneys for the Sept. quarter be paid in before 6 July, and those due in Dec. before 6 Oct., without fail, on account of the urgent necessities of the State, which would be much prejudiced by any default. Use your utmost diligence and care, of which his Highness and Council will be sensible, that the army may be kept from free quarter. Approved 1 May. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 583, 588.]

April 29. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the President and Council in Scotland. Recapitulating the above, and requesting that letters of similar tenor may be written to the Commissioners for Assessments in Scotland. Approved 1 May. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 586, 588.]

April? **170.** Memorandum of agreement by Jno. Rymill, citizen and butcher of London, to let to the Navy Commissioners for the service of the State an acre of reed marsh ground on the east side of the head of Ham Creek, over against the State's yard at Woolwich,—known as Chimney Marsh, and now used for stowage of ships' masts, boats, and other provisions of the State,—for 10 years from 25 March last, at the yearly rent of 4*l.* Proviso that Rymill have liberty to come upon the premises with workmen, to repair and amend the marsh walls, and to cut, dig, and carry away earth necessary for so doing without hindrance; also that the State's instruments shall not commit any damage to the marsh walls or watercourses, whereby Jno. Rymill shall suffer damage. [*Draft,* 1 *page, damaged.*]

Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1657. June 1	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	Navy Com[rs]	Repairs of ships - - - - - - - - - - - -	Vol. 168. 1
„ „	Prize Officers, *Bishopsgate Street.*	Adm. Com.	Being about to sell the goods of the Virgin Mary and All Saints of Carthagena, and requiring an additional warehouse keeper, recommend Geo. Lynn.	2
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Send a letter from John Packwood and Wm. Acworth, storekeeper and clerk of the check at Deptford, that in bringing the Marmaduke up to be docked, 5 barrels of powder were found on board, which Fras. Dickenson, the gunner, had concealed as overplus for his own benefit, but was unable to get it on shore; desire order therein, as also for its removal to the Tower.	3, 4
„ „	Capt. Jas. Cadman -	„	Petition for re-employment, himself, and his wife and children, being in a most necessitous condition through his miscarriage in the service, which justly caused their displeasure; hopes to prove himself a reformed man. With certificate by Thos. White, Mayor of Dover, and 6 others.	5, 6
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com[rs]	Sends an amended account of hemp and tar received into the stores on the account of Capt. Alderne, deceased.	7
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	Is in hand with the cleaning of the Hampshire and Nonsuch, but if they are to stow 4 months' provision of beer, &c., they cannot carry 20 tuns between them, besides their own stores, nor any topmasts or fishes but for themselves. There is a ship of 200 tons, and 14 guns, at Poole, that might be hired at easy rates; will take her up and dispatch her away with these frigates if ordered. Can supply 20 tons of cordage, sails, masts, fishes, and blocks, with carpenters' and boatswains' stores. Oatmeal can be had at Southampton and fruit, rice, and spice, as cheap as in London. The usual rate is 5*l.* for every 100 men for 6 months. Recommends Roger Leate as master for the Nonsuch; he so served in the Marmaduke and another ship; he still suffers from a wound in the service. The commander of the Resolution should be sent down, as he will give life to the action.	8
„ 2	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs] and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Dartmouth, at Woolwich, as soon as she is refitted, and has arrived in the Hope, reserving 3 months' pay in hand.	9
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order for cleaning and revictualling the Dartmouth at Woolwich for 3 months, for service in the Channel.	10
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for bills of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the victualling office, for 3,000*l.* a week for 3 months, for carrying on the victualling according to orders from Majors Thomson and Bourne, and Mr. Willoughby.	11

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1657.				
June 2	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Maidstone arrived on the 30th ult., with 240 soldiers for Mardike, but her rudder and stern being much damaged in a great storm, was forced to ship the soldiers in the Amity, now under sail, and to revictual them for 4 days. When the Pearl arrives with her soldiers, will send her on to Mardike. Begs they will clear Capt. Creene Clifton out of Canterbury Gaol, for John Browne, and Jno. Dobson, masters, and 3 mariners, all of Yarmouth; can get no quiet in his house for their wives, and Capt. Clifton was only commander of a little vessel of 4 guns.	Vol. 168. 12
,, ,,	T. Crowe, Mariner, *Greenwich.*	—	Being employed by the Ordnance Office to carry powder, &c., to Harwich for the Elizabeth, and to bring back 35 barrels of decayed powder, his hoy sprang a leak, and having no money, he was constrained to sell one of the barrels to the master of a collier at Yarmouth for 30s., that he might bring the remainder home safely.	13
,, 3	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Repair and victualling of ships - - - - - - - - -	14
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Com^{rs}	Will venture to dispose of 5 tons of junk by public sale, and reserve what is necessary for the Ordnance officers. Has careened the Resolution, and hopes to give her quick dispatch. The treasurer has arrived with the money to pay the Hampshire.	15
,, 4	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the officers and company of the Adam and Eve at Deptford - -	16
,, ,,	Capt. Rowland Bevans, *Convert, Downs.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a muster book. Has turned over 10 of his men into the Resolution, by order of Capt. Whitehorne, and given them tickets. Will sail today for Dunkirk.	17
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Request an order to the commander-in-chief in the Downs to appoint a convoy for the Hanse Quins, bound from Hamburg to Portsmouth, with hemp and tar for the stores there.	18
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Have considered the petition of Mr. Burrowes, and believe there were clothes lost in the Discovery, Cat pink, Islip, and Paragon, part of which were probably issued to the seamen, but the State is not engaged to pay for any, and has refused in much clearer cases, the clothes being put on board by the slopsellers for their own profit, and at their own hazard. Had there been an account of any issued to men before their wages were paid, it would have been stopped, being the men's debt, and not the State's.	19
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Is going to Portsmouth for 2 or 3 days, to advise touching something to be done to the great ships now setting out there, and will go by way of Arundel and Chichester, which will save some miles riding, and come home by London. The Satisfaction will sail today, the Victory on Saturday, and the Triumph next Thursday.	20
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	To the same effect. A master and mates are wanted for the Triumph - - - -	21
,, 5	W. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires they will order the boatswain of the great ship, now building, 5 more men, to hasten on her rigging.	22

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1657.				Vol. 168.
June 5	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has docked the Marmaduke; particulars of her defects - - - - - -	23
„ „	English Masters of Ships, *Rotterdam.*	„	Petition for a convoy, as several Flemish men-of-war are riding at Rotterdam as freely as in their own dominions, and when any English ships attempt to sail, they try to secure them, and have taken one already.	24
„ „	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	Has shipped most of the victuals and beer in the Triumph; wants her gun-carriages hastened down. Did not know that she and the Victory were only to be supplied with 4 months' beer, and having left room for more, will now have to put in more ballast. The Satisfaction has gone down the river, and the Victory waits a wind.	25
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, *Essex, Downs.*	„	The Dartmouth being ordered up the river, has given her boatswain a cable and anchor to be delivered to the boatswain of the Oxford. Has always reported when he has supplied one ship from another with such things, so that the State might not suffer.	26
„ 5 & 6	John Stainforth, Deputy Marshal-General, *Chelsea College.*	—	Receipts for 4 prisoners belonging to the St. John of Ostend, taken at Sea - - -	27, 28
„ 6	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has ordered the things required for Gen. Blake's fleet, and has sent to Poole for a ship to carry them; is also in treaty for another in harbour. The Nonsuch is victualling, but many of the men sent in her have run; does not know how to prevent it while in harbour, but will take some out of the Sorlings, which has arrived with 150 from the Downs, and out of other ships named. Will expedite the Resolution.	29
„ 8	„ „	„	Has been disappointed in procuring the ship he intended to load and send to Gen. Blake; if he cannot procure the one now in harbour, will inform them.	30
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	„	The Mary flyboat and Adam and Eve, lately come from Jamaica, are so leaky, and have so little belonging to them that is useful, except their guns, &c., that the charge of keeping them from sinking and looking after them will soon balance what their hulls will produce; the Gilly-flower and Primrose hoy are much in the same condition; it would be better to dispose of them all.	31
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Manley Callis, the master shipwright's assistant at Deptford, estimates the repairs required for the Marmaduke at 600*l.*; desire order therein, as also as to paying off the company of the Laurel, many of whom have come up and applied. With order, 18 June, for the Marmaduke's repair.	32, 33
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Repairs of ships. Will proceed with the one in building; but as the stores are scant of timber, asks an order to the purveyors for 40 loads of 3-inch, and 20 loads of 2-inch plank, as also 2,000 treenails.	34

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June 8	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex*, *Downs*.	Navy Com^rs	Having lent the Speaker, which is ordered up the river, a long boat, two hawsers, and a stream anchor, belonging to the Elias, desires they may be sent down again. The hoy with the cables and anchor for Portsmouth has arrived, and is waiting with her convoy for a wind.	35
„ $\frac{8}{18}$	Adm. Judges, *Dunkirk*.	—	Certificate that Thos. Rutland, an English shipmaster, and his boy, taken at sea and brought prisoners to Dunkirk, have been set at liberty by exchange for 4 others named, and have a pass to depart for England in the packet boat. With a translation.	36–38
„ 9	Geo. Crapnell, Master of the *Essex*.	Navy Com^rs	Deposition before John Godolphin, and Chas. Geo. Cock, Admiralty Judges, that in bringing up the Virgin Mary and All Saints of Carthagena, from the Downs to London, which was taken as prize by the Yarmouth, Edm. Leman and Wm. Tufnell, two prize officers, hid, and afterwards embezzled, a quantity of tobacco on board the prize, and gave him 3*l.*, and his men 25*s.* each, to say nothing about it.	39
„ 10	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for a bill to Robt. Story for 100*l.*, ordered him by Parliament for bringing intelligence of the good success of Gen. Blake and his fleet against the Spaniards.	40
„ 11	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Vice-Adm. Goodson for 500*l.* on account of his entertainment as Vice-Admiral of the fleet in the West Indies.	41
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to examine the account of Lieut.-Col. Elton, of money disbursed at Hull for washing, tallowing, and searching the Weymouth pink, and to make out a bill to his son, Ensign Rich. Elton, for what is due.	42
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for the speedy refitting of the Speaker, lately come up to Woolwich - - -	43
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Speaker, lately arrived from the fleet.	44
„	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox*, *Milford Haven*.	Navy Com^rs	Desires order for payment of 9*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* to his brother John Cowes, for so much disbursed for the Paradox, and for imprest and conduct money for the mate and two others from London to Chester, which could not be allowed when he was paid off at Portsmouth last December, for want of their order.	45
„ „	Major Robt. Thomson.	Adm. Com.	Well remembers that a smack of Capt. Nayler's took a ship of some burden in the Dutch war, and that the Captain having complained at the time of his expense of powder therein, it made an impression upon his memory, but does not now remember the name of the ship, or the smack, nor the amount of powder that was spent.	46
„ 12	Augustine Aldridge, *Lidney*, *Dean Forest*.	Navy Com^rs	Received their order, but is certain he has given no just cause of offence, and hopes they will give him leave to load the ship, being so near. As he has only received 50*l.* from Major Wade since last December, and borrowed much to carry on the work, hopes they will write Major Wade to pay him 150*l.*, or empower him to apply to Mr. Shewell at Bristol, that he may clear all that concerns his employment for the State; will then be ready to serve them again.	47

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June 12	Comr. Peter Pett, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Roger Davis, cook of the Victory, for a new warrant, the one he had in 1648 being mislaid; if there is any scruple, will endeavour to find it.	48
„ „	Thos. Rooke, Surgeon.	Adm. Com.	Petition for allowance for the loss of his medicine chest, instruments, books, money, and clothes, valued at 150*l.*, by the casting away of the Laurel, of which he was master surgeon, on the sands near Yarmouth. With certificate by Fras. Kirby, and 4 others.	49, 50
„ „	Robt. Blackborne -	Mr. Rawlins, Clerk to the Company of Barber Surgeons.	The surgeon of the Sapphire being dismissed by a council of war for misdemeanour, recommends John Powell to succeed him, if the company, on examination, find him fit. With note by Charles Stamford and Nich. Brethers, wardens, that they have examined Powell and find him able.	51
„ 13	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to John Marryott, for the time he served as chaplain in the Mathias, though he had no warrant.	52
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a demand of stores required for Gen. Blake's fleet; the Hampshire will soon be ready to sail to Spithead; desires the checks may be sent down to attend to her pay.	53
„ 15	Dan. Coale, Mayor, John Hunter, Arthur Hawker, *Harwich.*	„	Will in no way interfere with Mr. Watkins when he comes down to perform the service mentioned, but as the piece of ground set out for the use of the State, and now fenced in by the State's officers, is larger than what Bugg occupied, and paid 4*l.* a year for, hope, in consideration of the poorness of the town, they will settle something annually for it so long as they occupy it, and what shall be agreed upon shall be performed at their next general meeting.	54
„ „	John Greene, *Deptford.*	Major Robert Thomson.	Thanks for the Navy Commissioners' warrant to make out bills to Mr. Scott for payment of board wages, when he has laid out as much as his imprest comes to; is surprised he should trouble them upon such a frivolous matter; gave him 6 bills last summer, but there was a mistake about them. Is willing to bear with an aged man, but begs he may make his bills quarterly, not weekly. Particulars of the difference between them. Can little bear the cheek and paymaster being in one person, although done in some other yards. If the Commissioners do not approve this, there are others in the yard of equal trust, who would take the charge, and pay the money weekly for less than 20 marks a year. Is not desirous to force Mr. Scott to throw up the business, as he threatens to do if he does not receive his bills, but to mind the royal rule to do to all men as he would they should do to him. Has been confined to his house with sickness, or would have attended the Commissioners; has written to Major Bourne, hearing Mr. Scott had made a similar complaint to him.	55

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1657. June 15	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs	Has not paid freight for the 3 rafts of masts, but being much wanted, has used some of them already. There are 3 of the small frigates lately built still in harbour; the Commander-in-chief has ordered them to be fitted with masts and sails. Reminds the Commissioners of the smallness of his salary, and the amount of business, which forces him to keep a man to assist. Has charged in this quarter's account, 25*l.* more for himself and man, and hopes it will be allowed, considering his journey every quarter to London to deliver his account, and his disbursing 500*l.* every quarter on the State's service.	Vol. 168. 56
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex*, *Downs*.	„	The Hamburgher with hemp and tar, and the other vessel with cables on the State's account, have safely arrived at Portsmouth; has received on board the Essex 2 hawsers and a cable, formerly lent the Speaker, but the anchor is 600 lbs. too light.	57
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth*.	Adm. Com.	The Nonsuch and Sorlings sailed yesterday. Desires the Guinea may stay until the 2 great ships are fit to move; is doing what he can with his small number of men on the Resolution, and will get her into the Road as fast as may be; the Naseby would be fit to sail to-morrow if she had more men, or if those she has were better, but the ships that come in may supply her. The Nonsuch was unable to carry any cordage to the fleet, every part being filled with her own proportion, and she constrained to leave part of her beer behind, and stow part upon the deck; put 30 dozen blocks on board, which was all she could stow.	58
„ 16	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill to Robt. Turpin for 1,000*l.* on account, to be issued by him for sick and wounded seamen, upon warrants from the Commissioners for sick and wounded seamen.	59
„ „	Jas. Browne, *Harwich*.	„	Sends an account of provisions required for the stores. Has tallowed the Assurance - -	60
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	„	The Hart pink having come in to be repaired, sends particulars of her wants, and desires orders therein.	61
„ „	Robt. Sewell, Peter Ellis, *Chatham*.	„	Desire they will order 400 bolts of Ipswich canvas for making sails - - - -	62
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham*.	Robt. Blackborne.	The Triumph has sailed for the Hope. Mr. Punnett, of Stroud, has at ketch fit to attend her or the Victory.	63
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^rs	To similar effect. Sends a demand for anchors, as also for a copper for making tar, and some canvas.	64
„ 17	„ „	„	Has sent up Mr. Ewell as desired; requests an order for erecting a crane at the old dock, for taking up ordnance and shipping anchors, at a charge of 20*l.*, besides materials. The Fairfax is in the river, and as she will be up next tide, it would save charge to pay her off.	65
„ „	——	—	List of 30 Spanish prisoners belonging to Ostend who were taken by the Portland, and are in the custody of the Marshal-General at Chelsea College.	66

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1657.				Vol. 168.
June 17	Major Robt. Thomson, *Victualling Office.*	Adm. Com.	Last October, Mr. Flood contracted with Capt. Alderne to provide 15,000 cwt. of biscuit for the navy, to be delivered as fast as the State should require it, whereupon he employed all his ovens to the work; but upon the Admiralty Commissioners giving order for the supply last sent to Gen. Blake's fleet, the quantity was so great that Mr. Flood could not comply, and Capt. Alderne was compelled to obtain it from other men, to which Mr. Flood consented. Thus there is a large overplus, which Mr. Flood is unwilling should be deducted out of his contract; desires order.	67
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Has hired the Hamburgher for 400*l.*, to load and sail with the Hampshire to Gen. Blake's fleet; will consult Capt. Story about the powder, and endeavour to get it into his frigate, and if constrained, put some of his provisions on board the Hamburgher. The Torrington and other ships have come in, Vice-Adm. Goodson and others have gone out.	68
,, 18	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to value the Mary flyboat, Adam and Eve, Gilliflower, and Primrose hoy, and after reserving such of their ground tackle, guns, carriages, &c., as are fit for the service, and approved by the Ordnance Officers, to put them up for sale by the candle, and to give notice that all persons to whom the State is engaged for any naval debts since 1642 may buy them towards satisfaction of such debts, the bills or money received after the sale, to be paid in to the Navy Treasurer.	69
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to examine the officers and company of the Laurel, lately commanded by Capt. Fras. Kirby, by what means and by whose default she came to be lost upon Newark Sands, off Yarmouth, on 30th May last; also whether any of her guns, of which 9 were brass, may be gained out of the wreck, and if there is a probability, to order Mr. Willis, the diver, to endeavour to recover them.	70
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com[rs] and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the seamen lately belonging to the Laurel, up to the time she was cast away.	71
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Fairfax, lately returned from Gen. Blake's fleet, and have her refitted with all speed.	72
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks a warrant for Boatswain Attawell, late of the Vanguard, to be boatswain of the Triumph, he having worked on her for some time. The Fairfax has arrived, and her captain is gone for Whitehall.	73
,, 19	Geo. Pley, *Weymouth*	Navy Com[rs]	Asks their decision upon three pieces of sailcloth of various prices, sent some time since, as the makers require an account of it.	74
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Orfordness.*	,,	Sends two muster books. Went to Harwich to clean and revictual for 10 weeks, and has since been plying on his station.	75

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1657.				
June 20	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to hire a convenient ketch to attend upon the Triumph - - - - - -	Vol. 168. 76
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com	The Naseby, with 420 men, and other ships have sailed for the Downs; the Hampshire is paid off, and took 23*l.* When the Resolution is in the Road, and some business settled about the yard, will attend their orders for moving to London. Is loading the ship for the fleet. If he receives no order for the Guinea to sail to St. Malo, of which several persons are very solicitous, shall order her to her station, the Hampshire lying in the Road being sufficient for the end propounded.	77
„ 21	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	Hopes they do not harbour any ill-thoughts concerning John More's tickets; would have put them all in one, but he urged to have them made as Capt. Sanson's were, to whom he had formerly been pilot; agreed on his engaging to deliver them into the office at one time. Was necessitated to have a pilot, as the master and his mates were unacquainted with those places which were dangerous.	78
„ 22	Aug. Aldridge, *Lidney, Dean Forest.*	„	Has formerly desired to be discharged of his engagements for the State in these parts; hopes they will hasten Major Wade or Mr. Shewell to let him have the money, otherwise cannot stir from hence. Is ready to obey their commands, although it has been a hard task to be called from home and livelihood, to such hard travail and work, which he has brought to pass to the wonder of the country and his predecessors, who found nothing but impossibilities, and now, in the glory of his hard labour, to have to leave it. It fell very happily that the ship came in, so that he might see his own provisions shipped, which lay ready for the use of the State. Has received 50*l.* from Major Wade since Christmas.	79
„ „	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Bramble, Ostend.*	„	Being ordered to Ostend, and not knowing that coast, applied for a pilot to the commander-in-chief, who referred him to Deal; had to go to Dover before he could obtain one. Is very often chasing near the shore, and had they not a very knowing man with them, would not have been able to venture, as the course is very dangerous; although their ship is but a 6th rate, yet she draws as much water as many 5th rate; hopes they will grant payment to the pilot. Had he been ordered on the coast of France, from one end to the other, would not have needed one.	80
„ „	Rich. Streate, *Hart pink, Dover.*	„	Sends two muster books. Came from Dunkirk Road to revictual, and to have alterations made to the pink, which, being new, has shrunk since leaving London, and shipped much water. The Mayor of Dover has remedied the defects, and instead of round ports has made square ones, which is convenient and wholesome; he has also removed the cook's room from the forecastle to the hold, and altered the masts and sails, so that she is now fit for summer as well as winter service.	81
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	„	Having finished the Lily, Rose, and Swallow, fell to work upon the Hart, and sends particulars of the alterations and repairs made.	82

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1657.				Vol. 168.
June 22	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Have made 3 attempts to get the Resolution into the Road, she being beyond the Round Tower, but failed for want of wind. The Cornelian has come in from the Downs, with 60 men for the Resolution, and is tallowing. As many persons solicit a convoy to and from St. Malo and the Islands, it would be a charity to appoint a ship.	83
„ 23	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Advice, refitting at Chatham, when she arrives in the Hope, reserving 3 months in hand, as accustomed.	84
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy refitting of the Advice, and victualling her for 4 months, for service in the Channel.	85
„ „	Robt. Blackborne -	Thos. Turner.	Asks assistance for the bearer, appointed surgeon of the Greyhound. Capt. Hatsell was desirous to fix upon one for that vessel, but he waives it.	86
„ „	Nich. Paige, merchant of *Plymouth.*	—	Deposition before Justinian Peard, mayor of Plymouth, that at the coming of Capt. Christ. Turner, to St. Sebastian's, with an order from the Admiralty Commissioners of London, he being then a prisoner there, had his liberty on his parole for clearing Capt. Patrick Dillon, a prisoner in Cork, Ireland, or in default to return again within 3 months. Several other prisoners were also freed by the same order on their parole, for the prisoners then in Exeter and Plymouth. There was a special order of the Admiralty at St. Sebastian's to free whatever prisoners were taken for the next two months, and there were none remaining there when he left in May last, the Hulk's prison being halled up. Also deposition of Capt. Thos. Dymond that, when at St. John de Luz, he conversed with several prisoners from Passage, in Biscay, who had their freedom on parole.	87
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Thos. Turner.	Desires the Navy Commissioners' order to receive some small cordage from Major Burton's son -	88
„ 24	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill to John Fowler, for his pay, &c., as Judge-Advocate of the fleet, payable to his wife Katherine, at the rate of 8*s.* a day.	89
„ 25	Jno. Fastoll, master of the *Mary Affection of London,* and 9 of his company, and Wm. Paget, master of the fisher *Speedwell, of Yarmouth,* and 2 of his company.	—	Agreement with Capt. Cornelius Tettare, commander of the Leopoldus, by whom they were taken prisoners at sea on 16 June, on receiving their liberty, and arriving in London, to procure the release of the same number of prisoners, and of the same condition and quality.	90

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June 25	Capt. Philemon Pownoll, *Wildman, Dover.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends the sea book. Sent an account of the delivery of the beer and cider to the fleet, after which he was ordered by the General to Lisbon, to deliver all his provisions to the Falcon flyboat, and then take in a quantity of laden hogsheads and bars of iron, out of a Fleming brought in by the Kent, and bring them to the Thames, in company with the Princess Maria and several merchant ships, who have now arrived at Dover. Having 5 weeks' provisions left, beer excepted, will observe any order from the commander-in-chief in the Downs.	Vol. 168. 91
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex, Downs.*	„	As all the small men-of-war lately built sailed very heavily, gave directions, when they went to Dover to clean and revictual, for some alterations in their masts and sails, and hopes it will be approved, as the charge has been well bestowed. Mr. White, of Dover, having several cables belonging to the State, desires order to supply any of the squadron in the Downs that may require them. Asks that Mr. Parker, master of the ketch appointed to wait on the London, but now on the squadron before Dunkirk, may enter his mate and servant on board the ketch, instead of serving in the London, Assistance, or Pembroke, and thus save confusion of accounts.	92
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has got the Resolution into the Road at last, and will send her provisions on board with speed. After she went out, 289 men were mustered, and 358 entered, but believing many have run, will order 20 out of the Guinea, and 10 out of the Cornelian, which has also gone into the Road. Is loading the ship for the southward, but fears he will not be able to put in all that is to go; another in the Road, that carried victuals for Gen. Blake's fleet, may be procured at 35*s.* a ton. Cannot with safety stow the powder on board the Hampshire.	93
„ 26	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Westminster.*	Navy Com^rs	Having charged a bill on the Treasurer for 800*l.* for naval affairs at Plymouth, which have been very heavy, paid several bills, and has others yet to satisfy.	94
„ 27	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for a bill of imprest to John Upton for 1,000*l.*, on account of provisions to be bought by him for the navy.	95
„ 30	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Major Wm. Burton for 8,800*l.*, due for 200 tons of cordage delivered at Yarmouth for the navy, at 44*l.* a ton; the monies imprested on this account to be abated, and the remainder of the cordage at Yarmouth speedily brought into the stores.	96
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Gen. Montague for his pay as one of the Generals of the Fleet, from 10th Feb. 1656–7 to this date.	97
„ „	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Send the examinations taken on oath against Bart. Caple, hoyman, and Saml. Smythe, gunner of the Dover, as to their embezzling some brass guns and 10 barrels of powder. Have received the guns, and Caple is in the custody of a messenger, but the powder remains subject to order.	98
June.	Rob. Ingram - -	—	Bill for spikes, locks, nails, and other ironwork delivered into the stores at Deptford, between 1 April and 30 June 1653, and Jan. 1656–7 and June 1657.	99

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1657.				Vol. 169.
July 1	Jno. Cuttle, *London, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires his bill for pressing 80 seamen for the London and other ships, while in the Hope, may be paid to Alex. Dawes, merchant.	1
„ „	Geo. Young, gunner of the *Speaker.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for a removal into the new ship building at Woolwich, having served as gunner in the Mary Rose, Foresight, and Speaker, for 10 years. With certificate by Major N. Bourne, Capt. Rich. Stayner, and the Ordnance officers.	2–4
„ 2	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to Phil. Peck for the time he served as chaplain of the Fame, notwithstanding he had no warrant for officiating.	5
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to pay the wages due to Capt. Jas. Salmon for the time he served in the Bramble, any suspension thereof notwithstanding.	6
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Wildman at Deptford - -	7
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for receiving into the stores out of the Wildman 34 casks of spikes, of 1,400 each, and a quantity of iron bars taken out of a prize and sent home.	8
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to John Powell, messenger, for 48*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.*, and to Hen. Webley, messenger, for 12*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, disbursed by them in the navy service.	9
„ „	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for his late leave of absence; will sail for Newfoundland with the first wind, the Satisfaction and other ships bound that way having joined him.	10
„ 3	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Scarborough.*	„	Has been plying on his station with the Pearl. Being off the Humber with a laden fleet, met the Weymouth pink with another, bound for Tynemouth Haven, so ordered Capt. Wilkinson to see his to the Bar, and then proceeded with the Pearl to ply about. Capt. Wilkinson bringing word from the governor of Tynemouth that two of the enemies' ships had been seen off that place, fighting with some others, sailed for the Bar, but heard nothing more of them. Met several ships, including a Hollander, that had 4 of the company of the Parrot, who the day before had been put on board by 2 Ostenders, that were not far off; getting sight of them, gave chase, but night coming on, lost them.	11
„ „	Ordnance officers -	„	Desire order for the sale of unserviceable powder, pistols, and other arms, as they block up the stores and perish with damp and rust; those who deal for such generally ship them for Guinea and Barbadoes.	12
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Cleaning and victualling of ships - - - - - - - - - -	13
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^rs	To similar effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	14
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	On the 19th ult., gave his receipt to a bill of imprest for 50*l.*, but has not received the money, and the works of the Marmaduke are much retarded for want of men, and men for want of money. Paid the board wages last week, expecting the bill would be paid; had he considered the want of money, should not have proceeded with the fitting of the Speaker. As it is for the State's interest, hopes they will procure him some, must else seek to take in his receipt, to prevent further danger.	15

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July 3	Jas. Strutt, *Half Moon, Yarmouth Roads.*	Navy Com^rs	The North Sea fishery being ended, has come in for orders. Rescued one of the fishery from 2 Dunkirkers, and followed them for some time, but they got away.	16
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	Went northward to seek for the North Sea fishers wanting, found 4, and saw them into Scarborough and Newcastle, and left order that if any others came meantime, they should clean their vessels and wait his return. Also left order with all the cobble men at sea, if they saw any of them, to advise them to go to Tynemouth Haven or Scarborough. Then went northward, as far as Redhead, ranging off and on, and met several Holland fishers, but could hear nothing of the English. Coming back, called at Newcastle and Scarborough, and heard that there had been 7 or 8 there, but they had all gone home, and that all were safe except one. As the fishing is ended, desires orders. Heard at Dunbar that 2 Dunkirk men-of-war had taken a French ship laden with wine and brandy on that coast, and set the men on shore at Dundee.	17
„ „	Wm. Burton, Jun., *Yarmouth.*	„	Asks orders to supply Capt. Strutt, commander of the Half Moon, who has come in from the North Seas, with 40 tons of ballast, as he cannot go out of the Road without it. Will deliver their letters to Capts. Wilkinson and Rively when they arrive. The Fame has gone again as convoy to several vessels for the Maas.	18
„ „	Capt. Dan. Baker, the *Lizard, Mount's Bay.*	„	Convoyed several vessels from Milford to Ireland, and returning, being mistaken for a merchantman, was chased by a ship of 12 guns, which he encouraged, but suddenly mistrusting, she bore away, whereupon he gave her two broadsides, which lamed her foremast and spoiled some of her men, but she escaped, being a swifter sailer, notwithstanding he pursued her until 10 at night. Returned to Milford, and convoyed 8 vessels as high as the Deadman; is now plying towards his station.	19
„ 4	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Dragon, Portsmouth Harbour.*	„	Came in by order from Capt. Whitehorne to clean and revictual, and will use all expedition to return to the Downs.	20
„ „	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Dawpool, Chester Water.*	„	Came over with a French lord, whom he has landed, and was to return to Dublin with some members of Parliament, but only Sir Theo. Jones has yet come; there are 6 or 7 laden merchantmen whom he intends to accompany over.	21
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex, Downs.*	„	Gives the stations of the ships-of-war—16 in the Downs and 3 in the Narrow. The Dartmouth has gone to the Vlie, and the Adventure and Dover are plying between Kentish Knock and the Maas. With particulars of others.	22

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July 5	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Sent their packet to the Advice in the Hope, but as the boat has not returned, does not know whether the captain is on board. Has not pressed any men himself, but a ketch and a hoy took a few last week to carry into the Downs. Only 3 or 4 watermen have appeared since the ships sailed from the Hope, and he could not dispose of them. Mr. Golling, one of the Press-masters for the watermen, has been for an account of those who have appeared at Gravesend and Chatham.	23
„ „	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Vulture, Downs.*	„	Convoyed 9 ships from the Downs to Newhaven, and brought back 9 from Dieppe Road, and will see them safe to Yarmouth.	24
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Humber.*	„	Will sail with the cloth ships the first wind, and then return to his station - - -	25
„ „	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *Rainbow, Trevila.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	Gave an account of the proceedings of the frigates under his command at the North Cape last April, as also of Capt. Mackey's breach of orders, and of the General's order to repair to him with the rest of the fleet, where he has continued. The Nonsuch has arrived with a packet for the General. Hears that a peace has been concluded with Sally, and that the Providence and Nantwich chased a Flemish ship on shore, but got her off again. She is of no great value, but had 350 Spanish passengers, who were mariners in the fleet formerly destroyed, and they were plundered of all their money.	26
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To like effect. The General has lately returned from Sally, having concluded a peace with those people.	27
„ 6	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Having been put to much inconvenience, and the State often defrauded, by the giving of written tickets, contrary to orders, resolved at last not to sign such, whereby some stop has been put to them; but it has occasioned a great clamour, and divers poor people have and may suffer thereby, so as if they wholly forbear signing them, it may be very inconvenient. Desire that orders may be given to all the commanders-in-chief of the squadrons to prohibit such tickets, as they will not be accepted after a certain time to be fixed, and also that they may be supplied with a sufficient quantity of printed tickets.	28
„ „	„ - -	„	Have examined the captain, master, and other officers of the Laurel, as to how and by whose default she was cast away on Newark Sands, off Yarmouth, and whether all opportunities were improved for getting her off again; find that she struck during the night, while the pilot and master were below, and that there was great neglect, especially in the chief officers, to whose charge the conduct of the frigate was committed. It is too manifest that with an ordinary measure of care she might have been preserved; the negligence of the officers' absence at that season cannot be answered. Have little hope of recovering any of her guns or other provisions, but have written to Yarmouth, and employed a person to advise therein.	29

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1657. July 6	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have surveyed and had valued the erections and repairs made by the late Victuallers at Tower Hill and Portsmouth, and the whole amount to 2,424*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* The Victuallers demand 5,797*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.*, as having been laid out. The reparations they were obliged to do, but for additional buildings on the State's ground, at the end of the contract, an equitable consideration was to be had, there being no limitation as to what they should erect. What is done is useful, so long as the action of the navy is so great; think them worth 2,424*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.*	Vol. 169. 30
„ „	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Harwich.*	„	Has tallowed and is taking in his provisions and guns, and desires order for victuals - -	31
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Mr. Turner, *Navy Office.*	Wants an order for more horses to bring in the timber belonging to himself and Wm. Cooper, the allowance of 5 being too weak to bring it from Henden Wood, in Kent, which is 18 miles.	32
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs^	Has sent up his quarter's account, and as there has been an abundance of business, has increased his own salary, but will abate it when it declines; as he is out of money, hopes they will pass his account with speed. Could not have fitted the ships if they had not sent down the masts, and still requires 2 or 3 of 22 or 24 inches through for bowsprits.	33
„ 7	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for a bill to Capt. Hen. Hatsell for 135*l.*, for his and his clerk's pay as agent at Plymouth for navy affairs, from 4 Jan. to 4 July 1657.	34
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Capt. Hen. Hatsell for 20*l.*, to be paid to Rich. Vinson, whom he employed as storekeeper at Plymouth for 6 months.	35
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for cleaning the Assistance at Chatham, and supplying her with 4 months' provisions for service in the Channel.	36
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Sends an account of money paid by him, and of what he has disbursed out of his own pocket, and has yet to pay; hopes they will enable him to keep his word by a quick supply, when he will proceed with what he has begun; otherwise desires to be disengaged. Most of the amounts are for cordage, bought cheaply, and the rest for wages, which could not be excused. Is not well or would have waited upon them.	37
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	„	The trade of the port being very considerable occasions many troubles, amongst which applications from merchants for convoys, of which he encloses one, are not the least. Hopes their request will be complied with speedily, as there are some Hull ships in Norway already freighted, waiting to be convoyed back, besides several strangers. Capt. Robinson has sailed to perform what service he can until next Thursday, when the Amsterdam ships will be ready.	38

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1657. July 7	Geo. Hughes, *Plymouth.*	Capt. Hen. Hatsell.	Sends papers by desire of a distressed woman, and hopes he will obtain all the relief he can; prisoners of war may outweigh others of private consideration, yet 2 honest masters may be more worth to us than one scurvy captain.	39
„ 8	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill to Robt. Sewell, in-storekeeper at Chatham, for 15*l.*, for managing the business of out-storekeeper there for 6 months.	40
„ „	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Has sent their packet on board the Advice, whose men have been paid, and the captain is on board; he intended going up to London, which their packets may prevent. Will send an account of the watermen who have appeared.	41
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	„	The ship at Portsmouth, laden with powder and other provisions for Gen. Blake's fleet, has yet room for 50 or 60 tons.	42
„ 9	Adm. Com. - -	Major N. Bourne and Fras. Willoughby, Navy Com^rs	Order to speak with Col. Rich touching the timber that was reserved for the navy in Eltham Park, but has been felled and carried away by him, and to demand satisfaction for the same.	43
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	While lying off Whitby with the Pearl, hearing guns to the northward, they made sail, and by night came up to some ships, which they kept sight of all night, and next day found there was a man-of-war that had taken 5 vessels, one of which he rescued and the Pearl the rest. Chased the man-of-war, but there being little wind, could not come up with him, but with the help of his boats, pursued till the Preston met them off Flamborough Head and gave chase, and after firing several guns, conceives she surprised him. The vessels retaken are at Scarborough, as also the prisoners, but a superior one was slain before he would strike, and the remainder are but ordinary seamen. With list of 5 prisoners taken in the St. Maria of Ostend, and of 33 others, taken out of the 5 ships rescued by the Portsmouth and Pearl.	44–46
„ „	Robt. Willis, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Formerly certified that he found the guns of the Liberty covered with sand, and had taken up one; has taken up another, of 23 cwt.; hopes to recover more, but they must be gained by waiting an opportunity. As his 2 months' victuals will be expended the 15th inst., desires order where he may be supplied, and for how long.	47
„ 10	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	There remain in the stores 2,745 matchlock muskets fixed, and 1,760 more in the artificers' hands are to be brought in within 14 days, and there are also 2,060 snaphances fixed, and 137 bastard snaphance muskets. Are treating with several powder makers concerning the transport of powder to Windsor; meantime will enquire concerning the rates and prices by land and water, from the several works to Windsor and the Tower.	48

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July 10	Comr. Peter Pett, John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Being much importuned by poor maimed seamen for payment of their pensions, the least of whom have half a year due, urge the pressing necessity of money for them, or many of them will be starved to death, having no other means for themselves or families; if paid quarterly, it is too little for a livelihood, and much less in proportion than given by others to men in like condition. If Rochester College could have been granted, as was often solicited, it might have given a full supply, and enabled them to pay the ½ year's arrears without further trouble. If it may yet be so timely ordered, before too great embezzlements be made, it may arise to such a sum as to clear the imprest taken from the treasury, and the governors be enabled to carry on that service with its own revenue. Until then not less than 2,500*l.* will pay off pensions and their arrears up to last midsummer. There is daily expectation of wounded men from Santa Cruz; money should also be banked for buying out pensioners, who are often willing to take a small sum for their pensions, rather than trouble themselves to come many miles for so inconsiderable a sum.	Vol. 169. 49
,, 12	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Has sent a ketch to bring up the Marston Moor from Queenborough; asks what to do with her men. If the pay for the ordinary is ready, wishes she may be paid off at Chatham. The Assistance has been ready for her victuals 3 weeks. A hoy of beer has lately arrived.	50
,, ,,	Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	,,	Hears they have satisfied Thos. Weaver for the samples of sailcloth, and approve of the sort marked B.B. as most fit for the service of the navy. Will take a journey to where it is made, and send word what quantity can be furnished in a twelvemonth. Is glad there is like to be some encouragemet given to promote our own manufacture, and doubts not but they will find that sort to exceed the French noyals, it being so esteemed by all at Weymouth and Bristol, where it has been constantly used.	51
,, 13	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	,,	Sends the invoice and bill of lading for cordage shipped in the Bachelor hoy, of Yarmouth, bound for Woolwich.	52
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Having received an express from Comr. Pett, at Chatham, of the arrival of the Marston Moor at Queenborough, and that he has sent a pilot to bring her up, desire orders as to the disposal of her men.	53
,, ,,	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires he will acquaint the Admiralty Commissioners of the arrival of the Marston Moor at Chatham, and the wishes of the inhabitants that she may be paid off there, as the non-paying of ships at Chatham of late has been very prejudicial to them, as also to those of Rochester. It is true they have received much benefit by former pays, and if there should be a continuance of the suspension, it would reduce the adjacent parts to extreme poverty. It can be performed with as small a charge to the State there as in London, and with more advantage to the service, as they could more easily invite the seamen to duty on board their respective ships, in unrigging and getting out ordnance. The Assistance is taking in her victuals, and will suddenly be gone, and the Fairfax will be launched next spring tide.	54

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1657. July 14	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order on petition of Mary, widow of William Lawson, late deputy-marshal to the fleet in the Downs, to pay her his wages due at his decease, after the rate of 2*s.* a day. With Lawson's warrant, signed by Vice-Adm. Jo. Lawson, 21 Oct. 1654.	55, 56
" "	" - -	"	Order to pay the wages due to the officers of the Laurel, except the captain, master, master's mate, and pilot, which are to be suspended until further order.	57
" "	" - -	"	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Marston Moor, lately arrived from the West Indies, and now at Chatham.	58
" "	" - -	"	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Essex, as soon as she has been refitted at Chatham and has arrived in the Hope, reserving 3 months' in hand as usual.	59
" "	" - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill of imprest to John Turner, minister of the Naseby, for 25*l.* on account of his pay.	60
" "	" - -	"	Order for a bill to Henry Dalby, executor of the late Edw. Hopkins, for Hopkins' service as one of the Commissioners for the Admiralty for one year, 3 months, and 20 days, ending 13 March last, at 400*l.* a year, deducting such allowance as he received within that time.	61
" "	" - -	"	Order for a bill of imprest to John Upton for 500*l.* on account, for provisions to be bought by him for the navy.	62
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Essex has come in from the Downs to clean and revictual, by order of Lord Montague; will fit her for victualling by the latter end of next week.	63
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	To similar effect. Sends a petition from the shipwrights for their half-year's pay; they are in great want. The only provision yet come down for the Assistance is a hoy of beer. Will not launch the Fairfax until next spring tide.	64
" 16	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to peruse the account of disbursements of Lieut.-Col. Elton, for washing, tallowing, and searching the Preston frigate at Hull, and make out a bill for what is due.	65
" "	" - -	"	Order for a bill to Thos. Fowell, for Capt. David Billiard, for 107*l.*, for 8,560 lbs. of turtle bought of him for victualling the Marston Moor at the Caymans, according to a bill of exchange drawn on the Admiralty Commissioners by Capt. Myngs, and to place the same to the victualling account.	66
" "	" - -	"	Order for a bill to Hen. Champlyn for his wages as marshal of Plymouth Castle and keeper of the prisoners sent there from the ships, at 1*s.* 6*d.* a day, from 23 July 1655 to 16 July 1657.	67
" "	" - -	"	Order for a survey of the defects of the Marston Moor, lately returned from the West Indies, and for an order for putting her in hand.	68
" "	" - -	"	Order for sending three cables to General Montague in the Downs, for the Naseby, Resolution, and Assurance.	69
" "	Jas. Almond, *Ruby, Calais Road.*	"	Sends the muster book and some tickets - - - - - - - -	70

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July 17	John Dennis - -	—	Bill of lading of spikes, bolts, and other ironwork, shipped by Major John Wade from the forge in Dean Forest for trnsportation to the Tower, by order from the Admiralty Commissioners of 27 Sept. 1656.	71
,, 18	Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	The delay in giving an answer to the sailcloth makers in the country, after sending up the samples, has prejudiced the business, as a merchant from Bristol has been down, and after sending for all the master workmen and servants, and giving them a feast, has agreed with them by bond to serve him with all they make for a year. It has not been usual to bind them to any obligation; if this agreement had not been made, could have been furnished with 100 bolts monthly. There is, however, one of the chief workmen who did not engage, from whom and other parts he may expect 50 bolts of the best sort per month, but they stand for ½*d.* a yard more, as given for that sort by those of Bristol, or at the former price if the carriage to Weymouth is paid. This party has a quantity ready for Bristol Fair on the 25th inst., therefore concluded with him for 100 bolts of the best sort; if some encouragement is given, there will be a considerable quantity made this year to supply all occasions. Asks how to proceed, and how to dispose of what shall be brought in, and whether it shall be sent for Portsmouth or London.	72
,, 20	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	,,	Understands that they have received the invoice and bill of lading of the cordage shipped in the Bachelor hoy for London, and that she has arrived at Woolwich; will send what cables he has in the stores, from 9 inches and upwards, keeping 10 or 12 for 4th and 5th rate frigates. Asks whether to send some things belonging to the Laurel.	73
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Want an order for the wages due to Thos. Pacy and two others for service as extra pilots to the State's ships in the West Indies; have no power to grant any allowance in such cases. With the order 23 July.	74, 75
,, 21	J. Fowler, Judge-Advocate, the *Naseby.*	Navy Com^rs	The master and mate having come down to be tried as to the loss of the Laurel, General Montague requests that the examinations taken by them in that matter, as also all the witnesses, may be sent down.	76
,, ,,	Committee for Public Moneys.	Adm. Com.	Order to prepare a list of all the ships of war now at sea, or ordered to be set forth, with their quality, number of men and guns, and their several stations, and deliver it to-morrow.	77
,, ,,	Edw. Sandford, Deputy - Marshal, *Chelsea College.*	,,	Certifies, at request of Geo. Burton, that John Houtare, a private seaman, having a wife and 4 children in Ostend, and Geo. Cotter, a boy, also of Ostend, are prisoners in Chelsea College; Mr. Blackborne desires that some other seaman, having a wife and children in Ostend, may be substituted for Houtare.	78
,, ,,	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	Mr. Furzer answers to their letter that there is a great quantity of timber at the waterside, both at Newnham and Lidney, but not above 20 tons that is fit to be shipped for London, so that nothing can be done at present.	79
,, 23	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order for a bill for 100*l.* to Capt. Wm. Whiteborne, of the Essex, for his care and charges in managing the Downs squadron.	80

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July 23	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order for a bill to Thos. Gosling, for his wages as pilot of the Laurel, any suspension notwithstanding.	81
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to John Upton for 700*l.*, on account of provisions to be bought by him for the navy.	82
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com[rs] and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Great President, refitting at Chatham, when she arrives in the Hope, reserving 3 months' pay in hand.	83
„ 24	——	—	Account of arms remaining in the Small Gun Office, viz. 3,406 matchlock muskets fixed, 2,060 snaphances fixed, and 1,099 matchlock.	84
„ 27	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to send some cables of 12 and 13 inches to Gen. Montague in the Downs, for the Elizabeth, Nightingale, and other ships.	85
„ „	Mayor and Jurats of *Hastings.*	[Adm. Com.]	Certificate that John Serjeant and William Joyner, or Jenner, mariners of Hastings, were taken at sea by Capt. Baude, of Ostend, and carried to Dunkirk, where they were confined as prisoners of war, until they obtained a pass annexed from the Admiralty Judges there, to return to England in the packet boat, in exchange for Gravell Arerus and Jno. Houscear, of Ostend, prisoners in Chelsea College, and that from their long imprisonment, they are unable to travel from Hastings to London.	86, 87
„ „	Ordnance Officers -	—	Account of contracts made with 8 powder makers named, since 7 Dec. 1655, for 6,248 barrels of powder, noting what has been received and what remains to be sent in to complete each contract.	88
„ 28	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to examine the accounts of Rich. Nutt, Edw. Golling, and Wm. Bromage, for impressing seamen and watermen for the State's ships lately set forth for sea, and to make them reasonable allowance.	89
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Mathias Crouch for 23*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, for 1,879 lbs. of turtle bought of Dennis Gringer at the Caymana for victualling the Marston Moor, to be placed to that frigate's victualling account.	90
„ „	„ - -	„	To consider several demands made for money for reparations to the Victualling Office at Tower Hill, when Capt. Alderne transacted the victualling affairs, which have exceeded the amount limited for that work, and if they find the repairs necessary, to allow what is due.	91
„ 29	Jno. Browne, Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	Have had the Concord, employed in the port as a hulk, hauled on shore, and find she is so leaky that it will be a waste of money to have her repaired; as it is ordered that ships must put their ballast on board the hulk, it is necessary to have a strong one.	92
„ 30	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs] and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Bear and Success, lately arrived from the West Indies, suspending those of the captains and pursers until further order.	93
„ „	Edw. Johnson -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a cook's place in any ship they may think fit, having so served in the Wildman. With certificates by Capt. Philemon Pownoll and Sam. Hyland.	94–96

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July 30	Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	As they approve of his contract for sailcloth, will procure what he can, answerable to the pattern formerly sent. A quantity is already brought in, and as soon as it is considerable, will dispatch it to the stores at Deptford; as the men who make it are mostly of mean estate, must advance money as they bring it, and therefore desires, when he draws on them for his disbursements, that his bills may find speedy payment.	97
„ 31	Adm. Com. - -	„	Lieut.-Gen. Brayne having certified that he has permitted some persons at Jamaica to lade on board the Bear and Success several parcels of wood, tobacco, &c., for which they are to pay such freight to the State as shall be demanded in England,—on the arrival of such ships, the Navy Commissioners are to summon the captains before them, demand an account of the goods so brought over, ascertain the freight, and not suffer the goods to be delivered until the freight is paid, and the Navy Treasurer is to charge himself therewith.	98
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Cleaning, launching, and sailing of ships. Will send the survey of and estimates for the repair of the Marston Moor; desires order for 2 large anchors for the Resolution. Hears they have not agreed with Mr. Ewell about going to Portsmouth, but thinks if they had offered him a positive warrant for that service, he would not have dared to refuse, and if they yet conceive a want of him, will willingly join in such a warrant. If they gave him liberty to treat on terms, there is little cause of taking his refusing ill, when it is considered he never undertook the making but of 2 docks, and had like to have lost his life in doing them before they were protected. With note by E. Hayward of a demand for 2 anchors of 55 cwt. for the Resolution or Sovereign, 16th June last.	99
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. Desires the victuals for the Fairfax may be sent down - - -	100
„ „	Thos. Shrieve, master gunner of the *Signet.*	—	Proceedings against him before a Council of War on board the Assurance, viz., 5 articles of complaint by Hen. Land, captain, of drunkenness, abuse, and disobedience to orders; also copy of the examinations of Wm. Fowler, master, and 7 others belonging to the Signet, as to the truth of such articles, and an admission and apology by Shrieves as to the whole. [2 *papers*].	101
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Aug. 1	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends an account of stores issued to ships, as also of what is wanting, and desires they may be hastened down; there is no pitch in store.	1
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Sends the bill of charges for cleaning the Roe ketch, which was often taken for one of the enemy and fired upon, for want of English colours to hang forth; she has since gone to convoy some Hull ships into Yarmouth Roads and then to her station. With order, 4 Aug., for payment of the bill, after examination of the account.	2, 3
„ „	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Assistance, Queenborough.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sailed from Lee Road the 23rd ult., and saw Mr. Green safe within the buoys, almost as high as the Brill, and then plied down to the Downs; springing his main and foretop mast in a fresh gale, the General ordered him to repair to Queenborough for a fresh supply.	4

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1657. Aug. 1	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Downs.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Some months since I discharged Jno. Holman and Jacob Groger for misdemeanour, but one having a wife and 4 children, and the other a widowed mother, I filled up 2 tickets and sent them to a friend, to get Goyen Sparle, the late purser, to sign them. He, however, went away with them, saying I wanted to cheat either the State or the men; as Sparle is a vile, profane wretch, and was turned out of his employment for his idle carriage, and lives in Southwark, desires they will send for him and obtain the tickets.	5
„ 2	Capt. Za. Browne, *Success, Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Anchored to-day, as some of his sails failed, and will ply for Deptford. Left the Bear 2 days ago, but as the wind was at W.S.W. she may now be in the River.	6
„ 3	Capt. Abra. Allgate, the *Oxford, Lyme.*	„	Has been plying on his station with the Sorlings. Meeting a ship of London, called the Indiaman, which left the East Indies 7 months since, and she desiring a convoy, saw her as far as Plymouth. Is taking in a month's provisions and a recruit of water, and will then return to his station.	7
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The Bachelor hoy, of Yarmouth, bound for Portsmouth, has taken in what English and Dutch cordage he can spare, as also several things belonging to the Laurel, the rest being with the salvers at Lowestoft, which she can take in there and save charges.	8
„ „	Capt. Edm. Curle, *Sparrow pink, Scarborough.*	Col. Salmon, *Whitehall.*	The northern station being very prejudicial to his health, desires removal to another - -	9
„ „	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Weymouth.*	Adm. Com.	After receiving a month's provisions at Portsmouth, hastened to his station, but was forced by extremity of weather into Weymouth, where the storm increased to such a height that he was forced to cut his mainmast by the board, which carried with it the mizen and foremast. Has taken up a great part of the sails, masts, and rigging, which were driven on shore, and so has endeavoured to fit himself with jury masts and sails, and will hasten to Portsmouth for orders. Is informed by Capt. Pley, governor of Weymouth, that he has an order for his going to Jersey, but cannot do so until his frigate is fitted.	10
„ „	Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	„	Promised when any quantity of sailcloth came in to dispatch it away, according to order, but in regard of the harvest time, it comes in slower than he expected; that time being almost over, there will be no more hindrance to the workmen. Has received 130*l.* of the Collector of Customs of this port, on account of his disbursements, and given him a bill on them payable to the Commissioners of Customs, which he desires they will accept and pay.	11
„ „	Robt. Willis, *Diver hoy, Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has recovered 4 more guns and buoyed another, and as he shall endeavour the gaining of more, desires an order for 3 weeks' more provisions, which will spend out the summer.	12
„ 4	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for a bill of imprest to Jno. Upton for 1,200*l.* on account of provisions to be bought by him for the navy.	13
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Robt. Turpin for 500*l.* on account, for the use of sick and wounded - -	14

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Aug. 4	Edw. Grove, *Roe ketch.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends an amended muster book and an additional account; Capt. Country being dangerously wounded and absent, and not being able to give a general one, sent one as exact as he could then make it, and hopes they will pardon mistakes.	Vol. 170. 15
„ „	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Princess Maria, Humber.*	„	Arrived the 2nd inst., hoping to find the Hull ships bound for the Eastland, but they had sailed a fortnight before; will sail himself to-day. All the benefit he has received at this port is 2 pilots, of which they are very much in want.	16
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will stop the leaks of the Mayflower and victual her for two months, for service at the Land's End and mouth of the Severn; the carpenters are in hand with the 3 Kings prize. As to the Spanish prisoners they order him to free out of Plymouth Castle and Exeter Gaol, there were but 3 subjects of the King of Spain, one escaped 5 or 6 weeks ago, and the other 2 are at Exeter, whose freedom he will give to-morrow. The rest are all English and Irish.	17
„ „	Rich. Jackson -	„	Petition for the carpenter's place in the 3 Kings at Plymouth, having served as carpenter's mate in several ships during the wars, and been 2 voyages in the Wildman. With certificate by Manley Callis and Capt. Phil. Pownoll.	18, 19
„ 5	Capt. Rich. Hodge, *Basing, King's Road.*	„	Received their order to transport Mrs. Dorothy Hooken to Waterford, and landed her with her children and servants at Passage, and convoyed back 4 small vessels bound for Bristol Fair. Received their order to sail to King's Road, to transport Col. Sanders' lady for Ireland; Mr. Shewell, collector of customs, advised him to take into his custody as many vessels as might be ready, so is ordering them down, and will sail this week, weather permitting.	20
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	Being about to send a quantity of sails, anchors, &c., to the Forest, for the new ship building there, and a boatswain being required, desires one may be sent down to take charge thereof. Has drawn a bill of exchange for 300*l.*, expended in providing these things, and desires they will order payment to the Commissioners of Customs.	21
„ „	John Packwood, *Woolwich.*	„	The Guinea, Bear, and Success have arrived; as the Success is going to Woolwich, Capt. Badiley desires to know whether the others are to follow.	22
„ 6	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Guinea frigate at Woolwich, as soon as she is refitted and arrives in the Hope, reserving 3 months in hand.	23
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy refitting of the Guinea at Woolwich, and for supplying her with 3 months' victuals.	24
„ „	„ - -	„	There is no occasion to sheath the Marmaduke, as she is not designed for foreign service; hope there will be no occasion to perform all the work specified in the survey of the Marston Moor, nevertheless leave it to them to cause all repairs to be done that may render her serviceable.	25

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1657. Aug. 6	Capt. Wm. Barker, *Lizard, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Went on board with the new gunner yesterday, found the old one, and made a survey of the remainder of the stores; would have sailed to his station, but there was no purser nor any provisions on board, except beer, and that stinks. Has written the purser at Pembroke to complete his remains of victuals for 3 months with all expedition, and that being done, will follow their order and instructions.	26
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Milford.*	,,	Has been plying on his station and chased two of the enemies' vessels, but they escaped; has now come in for victuals and to tallow.	27
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Portland Road.*	,,	Desires order to come in to clean, tallow, and revictual, as there are some of the enemies' men-of-war upon the coast, but he cannot do the service required, in regard of the foulness of his frigate, not having been tallowed these 3 months.	28
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	Came in for victuals but found none; received order from Major Burton to convoy a Hull vessel laden with lead and cloth, with the Vulture, to the Maas, and to bring back such as were ready there, but being detained by foul weather, and from want of provisions compelled to put his men on half allowance, left the Vulture there and made for Yarmouth Roads, and has sent his boat on shore for orders; if there are none, will repair to Harwich.	29
,, ,,	Wm. West - -	Major Robt. Thomson, Navy Office.	Has been unable to attend to business since his return to England through sickness, whereby some things have proved unsuccessful to himself and prejudicial to others. The 3 short-allowance tickets which he sent to the Navy Office by one who was concerned in some of them as much as himself were given to Mr. Payler, a clerk in that office; but if there is blame, desires it may remain wholly upon himself; if it shall appear that there was anything intended therein which was dishonest, fraudulent, or fallacious, hopes he may be made an example. When restored to health, will attend, and when the business is cleared up, hopes he will not have his money detained. Although a stranger, is not unknown to Col. Bourne and Commissioner Pett, and has been in the service by sea and land ever since the war with the Hollanders, and acted in several businesses, which have never been questioned, and to lie now under a censure for such a small matter, and to lose as well, troubles him, but hopes to receive what is his right.	30
,, 7	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	Adm. Com.	Charged the officers of the Lizard to be careful of their stores and remain in harbour until further order. Capt. Baker and the gunner have arrived and entered upon their charge, and Capt. Hodges has convoyed all the vessels that came from Bristol Fair to Tenby and Milford. The Paradox is drawn on shore, being very leaky, and carpenters are at work upon her.	31
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Marryott, *Limehouse.*	,,	Hopes they will consider his sad condition and let him have the remainder of the wages due for his services in the Dunbar, which were most dearly earned.	32
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	,,	Has supplied the Constant Warwick and Griffin with provisions for 21 days, and both are gone to ply westward. Is making as much haste with the 3 Kings prize and Mayflower as the weather will permit. Wants Thos. Sanders, carpenter with Capt. Vessey, appointed to the 3 Kings, and his warrant sent down, that he may procure his crew and look after her affairs.	33

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Aug. 7	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	To similar effect. General Blake had his memory even to the last moment, and continued faithful to his death. Since his last account was passed, there is another nearly ready for disbursements of 800*l.*, and 800*l.* is owing for the French hemp and noyals bought last February for ready money, besides the present charges for fitting out the 3 Kings prize. Has charged a bill on the treasurer for 1,500*l.*, and desires their dispatch thereto.	34
„ 8	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for a bill to Luke Slyfield, for his pay as Deputy-Marshal of the fleet in the Downs, from 26 Nov. 1656 to 10 July 1657, at the rate of 2*s.* a day.	35
„ „	Benjamin Brewer, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has advised with Mr. Tippetts concerning the works of the dry dock, which is not so forward as was expeeted; the north wharf is not made fast for want of land ties and shores, so that it cannot be filled up before the work is completed; the default arose from the carpenters employed by Mr. Pierson disagreeing with him, so they have not worked these 6 weeks. Mr. Pierson now intends to hire men by the day to carry on the work of the dam, and will spare no cost to the accomplishment of the work, which cannot be completed under 14 days.	36
„ „	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Nonsuch ketch, Downs.*	Adm. Com	Sailed for the Downs with Rear-Adm. Bourne, by order of Gen. Blake, with whom he parted on the 6th inst.; as his provisions are nearly spent, and the vessel out of repair, desires further order.	37
„ „	John Pitt, *Naseby, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	Is desired by Lord Montague to inform them of his having lent Capt. W. Jordaine, of the Mary Rose, a 12-inch cable, for the security of his ship and goods up the Thames; also a hawser from the Dunbar to Mr. Parker, commander of the Charity ketch, first appointed to wait upon the London, and since upon the Ostend squadron; also a fish from the Assistance, sent to Deal at the urgent want of an East Indiaman outward bound, but for which the commander satisfied Mr. Culmer of Deal.	38
„ 9	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station with the Sparrow pink and convoyed several ships. Has not seen any of the enemy, but hears that the coast of Scotland is much infested with them, and that they had taken a ship from Iceland.	39
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	The Phœnix has arrived, and having received order from the General to refit and victual her with all dispatch, will have her ready for the provisions by Monday. Has docked the Marston Moor; if she is intended for the West Indies, she must be sheathed. Comr. Pett is absent.	40
„ 10	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for a bill to Rich. Creed, Deputy-Treasurer of the Fleet, for 200*l.*, for contingencies for the fleet in the Downs, as may be directed by Gen. Montague.	41
„ „	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station, convoyed 80 colliers up the Swinn, and returned with a fleet of small vessels. Having only 8 days' provisions left, desires orders.	42
„ „	Thos. Gooch, Thos. Bendish, Bailiffs of *Yarmouth.*	„	Send the information of Nich. Toll, an English merchant of Rotterdam, it being of great import; desire order to Major Burton to give reasonable satisfaction to the masters of the vessels they employed about the Laurel.	43

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Aug. 10	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Vulture, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed several vessels from Holland to Yarmouth, and while in Holland, chased an Ostender, but springing his mainmast, the Ostender escaped into the Brill. Is making all haste to get to sea again.	44
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich Water.*	„	Has come in from the coast of Holland to refit and victual, and desires orders accordingly. His victuals being out the end of last month, and he detained on the coast by contrary winds, was forced to short allowance.	45
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, off Flamborough.*	„	Has convoyed several vessels from Yarmouth to the Maas, and since then plied about in company with the Prize, looking for the enemy, but has not yet seen or heard of any. The commander of the prize is very vigilant, and watches the shore while he is at sea.	46
„ 11	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for refitting, cleaning, and victualling the Phœnix at Chatham - - - - -	47
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill of imprest to John Upton for 1,300*l.*, on account of provisions to be bought by him for the navy.	48
„ „	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	The Fame and Vulture having come in to refit and victual, will give them all dispatch, but both have spent their mainmasts. The Hunter came in to victual last week.	49
„ „	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Hull.*	„	Has come in to repair, clean, and victual, and will get to sea with speed - - - -	50
„ „	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Dunkirk.*	„	Has no news, the enemy having been very quiet, but one of their frigates of 6 or 8 guns having been tallowed fell down with two others; is now expecting their motion.	51
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Understanding they have appointed 90 men and 22 guns for the Hector, late the 3 Kings prize, thinks she would bear 100 men and 5 months' dry provisions, and 3 months' liquid. Wants her commander and other officers; recommends Wm. Penticost or Thos. Wescott as master, and Wm. Samms, who sailed with Capt. Blagg for several years, as gunner. The frigates are all abroad; hopes their captains are careful and diligent, as they do not want the best advice and direction he can give them. Has revictualled the Wolf, which has gone with the Mayflower to join those on the western station.	52
„ „	Capt. Pet. Bowen, *Mayflower, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Has repaired and victualled, and is ordered by Capt. Hatsell to cruise between the Land's End and the mouth of the Severn, with the Wolf. Having been 5 years in the Mayflower, which is a 6th rate, and now unserviceable, desires a remove into the new frigate building at Chatham, or any other they think fit.	53
„ „	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	Has hastened the repair of the Phœnix, by desire of the General, and she will be ready for her provisions by Friday. The anchor of 43 cwt. required by the General for the Naseby is ready. Has seen their letter to Comr. Pett about the broken anchor, and spoken to the master attendant and clerks, who all judge that if it is one of the new make, the State's mark is upon it, and so it may be known. The people of Chatham hope they will give order for paying off some of the ships there.	54

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Aug. 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine the reason why Mr. Culmer, who furnished the State's ships with ballast from Deal, cannot receive payment from Mr. White as formerly, and to give order for his satisfaction.	55
„ „	Capt. Wm. Barker, *Lizard, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Has been prevented proceeding to his station by the weather, but has great occasion to be there, winter coming on, and several of the boatswain's stores having been put on shore there at first coming out, for part of which he has no receipt. Desires the boatswain's wages may be stopped until his report is sent up, as he has the character of a very idle, quarrelsome, and drunken man; his late commander, Capt. Baker, turned him out twice, but restored him in hopes of amendment, and when the captain went on shore on one side, he would go ashore on the other without leave, and continue there drinking and carousing for 3 or 4 nights. Has examined the remains of his stores, with the assistance of the boatswain's mate, whom he recommends as fit to succeed him.	56
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	The Weymouth has arrived from Leith with a convoy, the Sparrow is bound northwards with a coal fleet, and the Roe ketch is about convoying some vessels for Lynn Deeps, but her captain is ill of a fever. The herring fishery will be at sea in 14 days and wants a convoy, as do several other ships in the Roads. Gen. Monk has sent the Norwich to Orkney to meet the Iceland fleet. The Vulture and Fame have not yet returned from Harwich.	57
„ „	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter.*	„	Went to Harwich to revictual, and then returned to his station, where he will remain plying about until he receives orders to see ships to their destination.	58
„ „	Capt. Edw. Grove, *Yarmouth.*	„	Has just arrived with several vessels from Lynn Deeps; as several of his company have the new fever, which afflicts both the head and bowels, has put them on shore, the sea affording little accommodation for men in their condition; is under a course of physic himself, by order of his physician; has put his second in charge, to ply to and from the station, by order of Major Burton, until eased of his disease.	59
„ „	Capt. Rich. Hodges, *Basing, King's Road.*	„	Transported Col. Sanders' wife to Ireland, and has since received their order to transport Lord Broghill, with his lady and family, as also Gen. Penn, with his lady and family; will take such vessels as may be ready, bound for Waterford, Youghall, and Cork. Desires order to Mr. Shewell to supply him with a week or two's provisions, an ensign jack, pendant, and 20 hammocks; has sufficient victuals to carry him to Kinsale, but may be detained for want of a wind.	60
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Capt. Taylor, master shipwright at Chatham, finding the Marston Moor is much worm-eaten and requires sheathing, desires order for so doing; this is necessary if she is to remain long in the West Indies.	61

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Aug. 12	Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will endeavour to procure a supply of timber at reasonable rates; is now shipping off the goods for Plymouth. Mr. Pierson and Mr. Brewer have now come to a conditional conclusion, and in case the Commissioners will promise Brewer payment out of Pierson's contract, he engages to do all the carpenters' work yet to be done, and to finish the dry dock, wharfs, &c., as contained in the contract, by the end of Nov., for 525*l.*, 25*l.* in hand and 100*l.* a month until completed, save the last payment, which is to be 1 month after the decision, and to bear the charges of 4 labourers. If this offer takes effect, Pierson hopes they will order Mr. Child to pay the 100*l.* balance of the last bill. Does not see how Pierson is to effect the business this year if Brewer's offer is rejected, and Pierson will only engage to pay Brewer as he receives money from the State, but if the Commissioners will engage to pay Brewer, he is content to be on his own account next week.	62
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	Has convoyed a laden ship belonging to Poole, bound for Leith by order of Gen. Monk, and after seeing her as high as Orfordness, will return to Scotland. Has not seen or heard of any Dunkirk men-of-war. Hopes they will be mindful of him for a remove into a better ship, as the Scotch coast requires a 2-decked frigate in winter.	63
,, 13	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order for sheathing the Marston Moor, now refitting at Chatham - - - -	64
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *George, Downs.*	,,	Sends the names of 6 seamen who were removed out of the Swiftsure into the George, and whom the late General ordered the purser to make extra midshipmen. Has now discharged them, as also such supernumeraries as were appointed by the General, and turned over 20 to the Naseby.	65
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Milford.*	Adm. Com.	Has tallowed, and would have taken in his provisions but for the stormy weather. Will convoy the Dutch prize to Plymouth.	66
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Will refit with all expedition; desires 5 more men, as Capt. Thorowgood, master attendant, only supplied him with half the number he formerly applied for, and he is frequently ordered to convoy vessels of great consideration.	67
,, ,,	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Beaumaris.*	,,	Sailed for Holyhead by order of the Council at Dublin, to attend Lord Broghill's coming there, but the weather being boisterous, could not ride in that Bay or keep the Channel, but was forced to Beaumaris, where he lies, in hopes of hearing of his Lordship's coming. Having only 4 days' victuals, the men are at half allowance; if his Lordship does not arrive by that time, will go to Milford for a supply.	68
,, ,,	Capt. Jas. Strutt, *Half Moon, under the Caps.*	,,	Saw the Gottenburg ships to their port, and returned with the Princess Mary. All the English ships are gone home, except the Hull vessels, which went through the Sound 14 days since.	69
,, 14	Adm. Com. - -	Com[rs] for victualling the Navy.	Order for supplying the Phœnix and Guinea with 6 months' victuals for the Southern expedition -	70

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Aug. 14	Capt. Abra. Allgate, the *Oxford, Plymouth Sound.*	Robt. Blackborne.	While plying on his station with the Sorlings, spoke a Hollander from Glasgow, who 3 days before met 3 men-of-war belonging to the King of Scots, carrying from 3 to 10 guns each. Chased 3 vessels, but night coming on, lost them. Wanting a topmast, has come in to refit; left the Sorlings 30 leagues off Scilly.	71
„ „	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Barker has entered on his command, and would have been at sea but some of his beer being defective had to be changed. The Paradox will take charge of the Dutch prize to Plymouth. Cannot find that any of the company of the Lizard are tainted with Quakerism.	72
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs^	Will send the cables and other things demanded for the new frigate building in Dean Forest; to prevent a double supply being sent, encloses an account of stores put on board the Friendship of London at Deptford last May, to be transported to Bristol for that frigate. Wants her captain and boatswain hastened down to receive the stores, or it will delay the launching.	73, 74
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has received the carpenter's warrant, but wishes the commander, master, and gunner, were present to hasten the works on the Hector. A flyboat of London, coming into the Channel from Barbadoes, was chased by 2 men-of-war, and making for the shore, ran in the night upon the Longships, which are rocks between the Land's End and St. Ives, but it is supposed they were our own ships who chased, as there were 7 ships named on that station at the time. Last week charged a bill of exchange on the Treasurer for 1,500*l.*, of which 800*l.* is for French hemp and noyals delivered into the stores 4 months since for ready money, and 800*l.* for gunners' stores and supplying the Greyhound and other ships; as he will be at further charge in dispatching others, desires the 1,500*l.* may be paid. Movements and wants of other ships.	75
„ 15	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^ and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to Capt. Daniel Baker, for his services on board the Lizard, and allowance for what he disbursed about the Hopewell pink.	76
„ 16	Capt. Edm. Curtis, the *Newcastle, Chatham River, near Queenborough.*	„	Came over the Flats yesterday with the Colchester and Marigold flyboat, the Rear-Admiral and the rest making for the North Channel. Has 17 Spanish prisoners on board, and hopes to reach Chatham to-morrow.	77
„ „	Wm. Billers, *Ordnance Officer.*	—	Attests receipt by Hen. Law, master of the Sarah of London, for 500 barrels of common powder, 2,000 matchlock muskets, 1,000 snaphance muskets, 1,000 collars of bandoleers, and 60 fathoms of white rope, to be transported to Dublin, according to an indenture enclosed.	78
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their warrant to the victuallers' agent. The Lark is tallowed, and her victuals will be on board by Monday, when she will sail.	79
„ 17	Jno. Mayer, *Berwick*	Adm. Com.	Has delivered 100 barrels of musket shot, and 8 tons of match to Thos. Fleetwood, by order of Gen. Monk, which is more than he has now remaining in the stores.	80

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Aug. 17	Capt. Robt. Nixon, *the Worcester, Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	When on the coast of Portugal, received 18 Spanish prisoners on board, by order of Gen. Blake, to be brought to England, but has no order for their disposal. They were very useful to the enemy as pilots, boatswains, gunners, and able seamen.	81
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	The Worcester and Newcastle have come to anchor, with many Spanish prisoners on board; desires order how they are to be disposed of, and where the ships are to be paid off; if at Chatham, it will be an advantage. The Fairfax is ready for her victuals; asks if the Marston Moor and the two vessels lately come up are to be suddenly repaired.	82
„ „	„ „	[Navy Comrs.]	The Worcester and Newcastle having arrived, has put their men upon such work as will prepare them for the Dock, until their payment is ordered, which he wishes may be made at Chatham, as it would be for the State's advantage.	83
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Wakefield has arrived from the Downs to tallow and refit; asks what proportion of victuals she is to be supplied with.	84
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The reasons why he has not paid Mr. Culmer of Deal for supplying the State's ships with ballast are that he knew of nothing being due, having paid him for ballasting the London and Princess Maria, which were the 2 last ships. Two men came from Deal with a receipt for 40 tons; questioned whether the ships could take in so much, and as the receipt was delivered and signed by he knows not whom, refused it. Had no money and has not had one penny for all he has disbursed. Paid 100*l.* to Deal for ballasting ships, before he received anything from the treasurer. Hears 500*l.* has been paid at London on account of what is due to him, but none of it has yet come to his hand. Hopes he deserves no blame for giving the navy credit for what he furnishes them with; has but small encouragement, firstly in not being allowed the 20*l.* a quarter for his pains and disbursements out of his own purse; secondly, in their abating him 2*s.* 8*d.* per cwt. in the cordage, which cost him 49*s.* and they only allow him 48*s.* Can run through their business wherein 1,743*l.* has been expended of which 700*l.* or 800*l.* is out of his own purse, and the loss of the cordage eats up all they allow him. If they will pass his account monthly and send down the money, it will be more satisfactory, as since he has served them, he has never had any money until it had been due one month, and sometimes 4, and his bodily labour in tending upon the ships that come in early and late, and seeing their business dispatched, is worth double his salary.	85
„ 18	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for refitting the Speaker and Fairfax, and supplying them with 6 months' provisions for the Southern Expedition.	86
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for refitting 9 of the ships lately returned from the coast of Spain, and victualling them for 6 months, they being designed for foreign service.	87

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1657.				Vol. 170.
Aug. 18	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs] and Treasurer.	Order for paying off the officers and company of the Swiftsure and 9 others of the said ships named.	88
„ „	Capt. Thos. Adames, *Deptford.*	„	Has come up, by order of General Montague, for further commands, and desires orders as to the disposal of 39 patacoes of tobacco which he has on board; dares not go off the ship before they are disposed of, notwithstanding his great weakness.	89
„ 19	Capt. Jno. Baskett, the *Wakefield*, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com[rs]	Sends the muster book which they may think a large one, but had to draft 20 men to Gen. Blake in the Straits, and 10 to the Naseby in the Downs, besides discharging a number who were sick or unable.	90
„ „	Jno. Stainforth, Deputy-marshal.	—	Receipts for 10 Spanish prisoners from Robt. Dighton, brought over in the Foresight, commanded by Capt. Peter Mootham, and for 16 from Pears Johns, brought over in the Bridgwater, commanded by Capt. Anth. Earning.	91, 92
„ „	Navy Com. - -	Adm. Com.	Have examined the accounts of Rich. Nutt, Edw. Golling, and Wm. Bromage for impressing seamen and watermen for the State's ships, and compared the number of men mentioned in the list with those who appeared on board the several ships according to the muster books, and find that of 511 men charged to have been pressed, there have been but 375 entered, so that there is a difference of 136 men; but as some of these may have entered themselves on board ships in the Downs, and there is nothing at present to show whether they are in the service, thought it necessary to mention it before determining the allowance. Further, find they demand 95*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.* for press and conduct money, which is after the rate of 4*s.* a man from Chatham and 3*s.* 6*d.* from Gravesend, besides 13*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* for their own travelling charges and boat hire, beating drums, and other incidental expenses—total amount 108*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*	93
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	„	The Nonsuch has come in with several convoys and the ship with the hemp that Mr. Child contracted for. Has tallowed the Wakefield and is giving her dispatch; the Plymouth hulk waits for a frigate to fetch her away.	94
„ 20	Jno. Grant, late carpenter of the *Success.*	„	Petition for an order to the Navy Commissioners to pay the wages due to him on tickets enclosed, for service in the West Indies. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners to pay him what shall appear to be due.	95
„ „	Charles Hawkins, late master of the *Laurel.*	„	Petition on behalf of himself and his late mates for payment of what was due to them when the frigate was cast away, having been tried by a council of war in respect thereof, and been acquitted. With order to the Navy Commissioners and Treasurer for payment accordingly.	96
„ „	Capt. Robt. Blake, *Cheapside.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Brought the Newbury up to her moorings in Chatham river, and after seeing her unrigged, came up to London, and it being upon such an extraordinary occasion, hopes the Commissioners will pardon his presumption. A list of the ships ready has been sent up, and as soon as he is a little refreshed, he will attend the Commissioners.	97

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1657.				Vol. 170.
Aug. 21	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order for a bill to John Powell for 10*l.*, disbursed by him for the service - - - -	98
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will order the Fame and Vulture to see the Hull men to the Maas when they arrive - -	99
„ „	Lieut.-Col. Elton, *Hull.*	„	Sends the petition of Edw. Dobson and 7 other merchants of York, Kingston-upon-Hull, and Leeds, for a convoy to 4 ships named, laden with cloth, lead, and other merchandize, for Hamburg, and to convoy them back with a lading of corn, tar, pitch, and iron. Desires they will appoint them a speedy convoy, as all the ships are very richly laden, and have been ready to sail a long time, and the merchants have formerly sustained great losses by their cloth lying so long on board, whereby it has taken water and rotted.	100, 101
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Desires they will hasten down Captain Haytubbe and the other officers of the Hector, as there are 15 men upon her at board wages, who will be put into petty warrant as soon as the purser or steward comes to take charge of the victuals. Capt. Elliott of the Fagon has sailed, with several laden ships under his convoy, bound eastward; desires when he arrives at Portsmouth that he may be supplied with powder and shot for his own use, as also for the stores at Plymouth, and for the Hector. Thanks for the promise of money, which will hasten the works. Particulars of ships.	102
„ „	Martha Honis -	„	Petition for relief, her husband, Thomas Honis, having served the State at sea for several years, and died on board the Maidstone 10 June last, of a fever, leaving her in great distress, with certificate by Capt. Thos. Adams and three others.	103, 104
„ „	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	The Phœnix has arrived in the Hope, and has 105 men on board, but her provisions and gunner's stores have not yet arrived.	105
„ „	Gen. E. Montagu, *Naseby, Downs.*	Navy Com[rs]	Recommends Mr. Culmer of Deal for an increase of salary for his services there, he being at some charge in finding capstans, ropes, and storehouses, and at greater trouble than formerly, for which he has but 10*l.* a year, whereas 20 marks were before allowed, and a new crab rope.	106
„ „	Jno. Stainforth, Deputy-marshal, *Chelsea College.*	Adm. Com.	Certifies, at request of Anne Broadbridge, that Jos. Snoward, late master of the Sancta Maria of Dunkirk, taken by the Portland frigate, is a prisoner in Chelsea College.	107
„ „	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Milford.*	„	Has come by order of the Council at Dublin to clean and tallow, and then to return to Dublin. Wants a new cable. Had a new bower at Bristol, but it was made of very bad stuff, and is rotten already.	108
„ 22	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs] and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to Capt. Fras. Kirby, for the time he served in the Laurel, any former order notwithstanding.	109
„ „	Lieut. Hen. Ady, *Phœnix, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has most of the beer on board; expects the arrival of the rest of the provisions, and will be ready to sail in 4 or 5 days.	110

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1657. Aug. 22	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed the prize Morning Star from Milford to Plymouth, and delivered her to Capt. Elliott, by order of Capt. Hatsell, to be convoyed by him to the Downs; in returning to his station, will convoy some vessels bound to Wexford.	Vol. 170. 111
„ „	John Stainforth, Deputy-marshal, *Chelsea College.*	„	Receipt of 45 prisoners from John Hancrett, boatswain of the Sovereign; with list of 91 Spanish prisoners, including the above, and others taken out of the La Fama Volente, and sent to Chelsea College by order of the Admiralty Commissioners, 19 and 22 Aug. 1657.	112, 113
„ 24	Robt. Blackborne -	Thos. Turner.	Mr. Powell being appointed by Capt. Haytubb to go as surgeon in the Hector to Jamaica, desires he will move the Commissioners for a bill for his free gift, &c., as also for his chest.	114
„ „	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has cleaned and revictualled, and will hasten to his station; encloses a receipt for some printed tickets received from Mr. Blackborne.	115
„ „	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	The Fame, Vulture, and Hind ketch have been refitted, and have sailed to their stations; there are now none of the State's ships in harbour.	116
„ „	Major Jo. Wade, *Little Dean.*	„	As it is intended to launch the new frigate built in Dean Forest next Monday, and as Mr. Furzer reports it will be necessary to engage a number of seamen to rig and bring her down to King's Road, desires order as to who is to make provision herein, and to issue money accordingly. Has reprimanded her master for giving way to his pleasure since he came down, and hopes no further trouble will come to him for his past miscarriages.	117
„ 25	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine the accounts of Rich. Browne, for refitting the Lizard and 3 other of the State's ships, and supplying them with necessaries, and to make out a bill for what is due.	118
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill of imprest to John Upton for 1,400*l.*, on account for provisions bought by him for the navy.	119
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for bills of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 3,000*l.* a week for 2 weeks, for carrying on the victualling, on order from Majors Thomson and Bourne and Commissioner Willoughby.	120
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to Robt. Goodwin, for the time he served as minister on board the Phœnix, though he had no warrant for officiating.	121
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *George, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	General Montague sailed from the Downs on the 23rd with 17 ships, and is plying between Calais and the South Foreland, and there is only the George now in the Downs. Many Dutch merchant ships have passed for France, and 5 or 6 hoys from Calais for the River. The Dolphin of Flushing came in, and reports there are 7 or 8 men-of-war there ready, which are conceived to be for convoys.	122

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Aug. 25	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Com^r. Fras. Willoughby.	Has sent Capt. Elliott with a convoy to the Downs, and on his return, to call at Spithead and convoy the hulk for Plymouth. As there are not 50 deals in the stores, wants 1,000 or 2,000 to be sent in the hulk from Portsmouth, also 2,000 feet of elm boards.	123
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Return the complaint of Edw. May, master of the Phœnix, against Saml. Gleede, master gunner, for embezzling a boat load of sponges, breaches for guns, cordage, &c., and sending it on shore by his mate to be sold; also the examinations of Thos. Pibett, and 4 others belonging to the Phœnix, together with a letter from Capt. J. Whitstone, her commander, showing that the captain gave Gleed orders to throw overboard, or otherwise dispose of a quantity of old and unserviceable cordage on board, and that he sent it on shore and sold it for 25*s.*, which he divided between himself and his mate. Cannot say how far captains have power to dispose of such things, but as there was clearly a breach of trust, especially in conveying them away at night, after the candles had been ordered out, think if Gleed is reprimanded, and his mate slightly punished, it will be a warning to them and an example to others.	124–127
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	As the frigate built in the Forest is to be launched on Monday, the master builder demands cables, anchors, and a hawser, and orders for the boatswain and other officers to be sent down; as also victuals, &c., for the seamen.	128
„ 26	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Lidney.*	Adm. Com.	As the frigate will be launched on the 31st, wants a boatswain sent down, that the rigging may not be hindered; as also an order for entering men into petty warrant after she is launched, whereby he may be getting men to expedite the work.	129
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	130
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Fame and Vulture have arrived in the Roads, also the Pearl with the Hull men bound for the Maas. The fishermen are ready to go to sea to catch herrings, but want a convoy; has had no answer to his letter about convoys to the herring fisheries. The northern fishery so much failed this year that the poor fishermen are almost undone, and should the herring fishery fail, they and their families may want bread. Does not hear that the Treasurer has had orders to pay him the other 700*l.*; next post shall draw 200*l.* disbursed on the State's account; desires an order to the Treasurer to accept and pay his bill.	131
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	„	Sends two bills for disbursements upon the Parrot frigate, &c., total 64*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, and desires it may be paid to his son. Noted, ordered accordingly.	132
	Jo. Greene, *Tower Hill.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends Wm. Greene's account of petty charges; they may pass by the blank left for the insurance, as it will be little or nothing. First gave order to Vandergheyn to insure upon the last 2 ships for 4,000*l.*, which he wrote could be done there for 3 per cent., but understanding by the next post that the Admiralty had ordered 2 frigates to call at the Texel, and bring the 2 ships with them, forbad his insuring any more.	133
„ „	Hen. Land, *Signet, Dover.*	„	Sends the muster book, and will give a further account of the men who run away, as they are continually doing it.	134

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Aug. 26	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Ask whether to sign tickets sent in by seamen who served in brigantines and vessels at Jamaica, except by information from Vice-Adm. Goodson; do not know whether they were employed in the State's service or otherwise. With order, 29 Aug., to allow the tickets if the men served upon the vessels at the time named, and were not borne upon other vessels at the same time.	135–137
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends particulars of the tonnage to be allowed to Hen. Roach, part owner of the Friendship of London, for bringing timber and timber work from Lidney Pill and Dean Forest to the stores at Chatham, Woolwich, Deptford, and the Tower, and for carrying back masts, rigging, &c., for the new frigate building there; supposes if Capt. Taylor's hand is required, he will sign it, being now in London. Particulars of ships fitting out.	138
„ „	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Pearl, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has conducted the London ships, one for Rotterdam, and another for France, all laden with lead and cloth, as far as Yarmouth Roads, and will proceed with the London fleet until they are in security, and then return to his station. The Dort ships were not ready to go with him.	139
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Scarborough.*	„	Has been plying on his station with the Sparrow pink, but has not seen or heard of any of the enemy being upon the coast. Having only 20 days' provisions left, and the Sparrow 28, and also wanting a cable, sails, and gunner's stores, desires order where to recruit.	140
„ 27	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for preparing a proportion of medicaments both for physic and surgery, value 100*l.*, for the use of the forces in Jamaica, taking care that the electuaries and syrups be put in tinned or leaden pots, for their better preservation; also for 10 cwt. of twine for making tortoise nets, and a proportion of lines and hooks for fishing, to be consigned to the commander-in-chief at Jamaica.	141
„ „	Lieut. Hen. Ady, *Phœnix.*	Adm. Com.	There is only one gunner's mate borne on the Phœnix, and he has been discharged by Capt. Whitstone and gone on the Fairfax; has sent him their order to attend them. Having nearly all the provisions on board, asks whether he shall press any men before the commander comes down.	142
„ 28	S. Bolton - -	Navy Com^rs	Received their letter to appear and pay the balance due on his bond, of which 74*l.* has been paid by instalments, but Mr. Firbank long since received it and delivered in the bond to Mr. Lowe, who paid 6*l.*, which is all that was due upon it. Cannot attend them at present, and asks that the matter may stand over a month; hopes that his absence may not give an opportunity to Firbank, who pretends that 36*l.* is still due, to insinuate more than what is right; if they send for Mr. Lowe, he will satisfy them.	143
„ „	Jasper Grant, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a certificate from Mr. Shewell, testifying as to his character, and implores he may not be prejudiced or dismissed from his employment, on account of an information given to them by a woman to whom he owes 3*l.* or 4*l.*; is anxious to pay, but has not seen her for $3\frac{1}{2}$ years.	144

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1657. Aug. 28	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Thos. Turner.	Received his letter, with the note from Capt. Haytubb concerning John Powell, and being well satisfied with him as surgeon for the Hector, asks whether to pay him the usual allowance. The gunner having fallen from his horse coming down, and having received other warnings, as he calls them, desires to be excused serving, so that another must be appointed.	Vol. 170. 145
„ „	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Drake, Buoy of the Nore.*	Adm. Com.	Has convoyed the ships from Hull to the mouth of the Thames, and will now return to his station.	146
„ „	Saml. Raven, *Woolwich.*	„	Recommends Fras. Sturton, late carpenter of the Speaker, wounded in the fight at Santa Cruz, for temporary employment in the yard, and Wm. Kemp for employment in the Speaker this voyage, as his deputy, they having faithfully served for many years.	147
„ 29	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to appoint Kemp deputy carpenter in the Speaker in her present voyage, Fras. Sturton, the late carpenter, being disabled through wounds received in the late fight at Santa Cruz.	148
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Mr. Hubbard will attend them as soon as his fever will permit. Sent their letter for the Fagons by a wherry, but after rowing 5 miles, she was compelled to return with it. The Wakefield has victualled for 2 months and sailed.	149
„ „	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Portland Road.*	„	Sailed from the Downs with some vessels bound westward, and afterwards from the Needles with 50 sail bound towards Plymouth; in going into the harbour, a small man-of-war belonging to the enemy took several vessels, but let them go again for a sum of money; fired guns to keep them together, but they will scatter, and are sometimes 3 or 4 leagues asunder, as they were that day, and had he not run ahead, and fired again at the foremost of them, they had all run away, or the most part of them, and left him with a small ship, which went heavily. There are several vessels bound for St. Malo requiring a convoy, and his order is to ply between Portland, Isle of Wight, and Alderney; desires orders.	150
„ 30	Lieut.-Col. Elton, *Hull.*	„	Renews his application for a convoy for some merchant ships of Hull, bound to Hamburg with lead and cloth of very great value; they have been ready to sail these 14 days.	151
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Spoke with the Holland fleet. Was ordered by Lord Montague to see several vessels bound for the Wight into security, and being in want of ballast and water, came to Portsmouth, and will make all speed to the Downs. Begs dispatch for the purser of the Essex, who has gone to London to pass his accounts.	152
„ 31	Jno. Bowrey, the *Death, between Ostend and Yarmouth Roads.*	Navy Com^rs	Has sent two muster books by the Lily, one for the Navy Office and the other for the Treasury -	153
„ „	Thos. Brooks - -	Adm. Com.	Since returning from Oxfordshire, hears they have sent for Capt. Myngs to attend them; he desired to be spared until his ship was out of dock, having married and having business to settle in the country. As his father has written him, and he may be expected shortly, hopes they will allow him what time they can, as he has given sufficient proof of his ability.	154

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1657. Aug. 31	Capt. Rich. Stayner, the *London*.	John Cooke.	Did not answer his letters because he received none, and only one from Major Pinkney, of Fleet street. Is sorry to hear that people fall out and go to law for that for which they did not labour, and is fearful Woofe and Palmer are too near a-kin to agree. It is a lie of Palmer's or Woofe's that 600*l.* should be given to his eldest son; the legacies were 400*l.* to the eldest son, 200*l.* a-piece to the other two, 10*l.* to his sister, and something to his sister-in-law, and it was Woofe's fault they did not agree at first, as Palmer was satisfied to pay $\frac{1}{3}$ part to the widow. Believes they are knaves, and strive who shall cheat the widow and children. Had a bond for 2,000*l.* to keep himself harmless.	Vol. 170. 155
„ 31	Capt. J. Whitstone, *Phœnix*.	Adm. Com.	The Phœnix was victualled and had 10 supernumeraries on board, from Feb. 1655–6 to 11 May 1657, for which the purser has had no allowance; also 3,000 men for one day, part of which were sick, and others were carried to and from the fleet, and the remainder pressed, by order of Capt. Whitehorne, for manning the fleet; and 990 men for 1 day, being passengers carried to and from Lisbon.	156
„ „	General E. Montague, Jno. Pitt, Roger Cuttance, Capt. Robt. Clarke.	Jno. Culmer, Agent, *Deal*.	Requests for supplies of ballast to various ships named, 21 July to 25 Aug. With sundry receipts for the same. [24 *papers*].	157–181
„ „	John Speare, sail maker, Fras. Lewis.	—	Note of work done on board the George, 16 Jan.—30 Aug. 1657.	182
Sept. 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy refitting of the Tiger at Deptford, and supplying her with 6 months' provisions for the Southern Expedition.	Vol. 171. 1
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to examine the accounts of Lieut.-Col. Elton, for washing, tallowing, and searching the Pearl, and make out a bill to Ensign Rich. Elton for what is due.	2
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to suspend payment of the wages due to the master and 7 others named belonging to the Paul, now at Jamaica, a certificate having been received from Lieut.-Gen. Brayne touching some difference between them and Capt. Wm. Godfrey.	3
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Tiger, as soon as she has been refitted at Deptford and arrives in the Hope, reserving 3 months' pay in hand.	4
„ „	Capt. Za. Browne -	—	Certificate that Phil. Johnson was master of the Success, under his command in the last voyage to the West Indies, and performed his place with good ability.	5
„ 2	Sir Jno. Barkstead, *Tower, London*.	Navy Com^rs	Desires assistance for John Smith, who served in his regiment for several years, and was drawn into sea service in Feb. 1655–6. While on board, a fellow soldier died, and left Smith all that might be due to him at his decease, and as letters of administration have been granted, and his debentures signed by the captain and master, hopes they will dispatch him, he being on the service.	6

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1657.				Vol. 171.
Sept. 2	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Wants an order sent to Portsmouth to unlade the Galliot hoy, which has been waiting there 5 days with cordage, &c., formerly belonging to the Laurel; also asks what to do with the Laurel's masts, now at Lowestoft.	7
„ „	Nich. Peirson, *Portsmouth.*	„	The carpenters with whom he contracted for completing the dry dock left their work on 29 June last; reckoning the 4 master workmen at 2*s.* 6*d.* a day each, and allowing to all under them what they agreed for, finds they have received 140*l.* more than their wages, he having from time to time furnished them with money as they desired it; notwithstanding this, they have wholly deserted the service. Hearing there is 80*l.* due to them for other work in the dockyard, desires suspension of payment, until he can bring them to account and receive satisfaction. Is now giving a deal more to Mr. Brewer than he contracted with them for, that the works may be effectually and speedily performed; the suspending payment of the money due to them may be a probable way for his getting some satisfaction from them, as he can assure the Commissioners the masters received money of him to pay their workmen all the while they were employed about the work for which this 80*l.* has become due.	8
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	Has sawed out 400 palisades, and will make up 600 by to-morrow night. Noted that they are to be sharpened at the smallest end, and not be above 10 feet long, as directed by Major Bourne.	9
	Peter Reeve - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for employment in one of the ships fitting out; has served the State for several years, and lastly as boatswain of the Sapphire, but has been laid up with sickness at Deptford. With certificates by Capt. N. Heaton, Thos. Scott, and Wm. Kendall.	10–12
„ „	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Received the imprest bill of 300*l.* for Mr. Peirson, which Mr. Child has promised to pay, as also 100*l.* balance of a former bill. The business of the dock goes on very slowly, and not according to what was expected from Mr. Brewer, and the opportunities of tides are not improved to half the advantage they might be. Requests they will write them thereon, as the season of the year calls for it; they promise much, but perform little. With draft of a letter from the Navy Commissioners to Peirson and Brewer, and Capt. Tippetts, to hasten on the works.	13, 14
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	—	Account of the guns recovered from the wreck of the Liberty by Robt. Willis, diver - - -	15
„ „	John Joens, seaman	„	Petition for relief, having long served the State at sea, and had his right leg shot off in the fight against the Hollanders off Portland, while serving in the Oak, since which he has been in St. Bartholomew's Hospital. With certificate by Hum. Fox, steward of St. Bartholomew's.	16
„ 5	Thos. Marshall, mayor, and 6 jurats and inhabitants of *Rye.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for the exchange of Simon Ranwell and Nich. Goetman, natives of Dunkirk, and prisoners in Plymouth Gaol, for Geo. Broadbridge, late master of the Mayflower, of Rye, who was taken 8 weeks since by a Dunkirk man-of-war and carried thither, where he yet remains, notwithstanding the endeavours used by Anne, his wife, who went over to obtain his release, but was informed it could only be done by exchange for these men.	17

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1657. Sept. 7	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	As the Sapphire has arrived, by order of Gen. Montague, to be repaired, which will take 3 weeks, asks what to do with her men; believes if they are paid and discharged at Chatham they will enter themselves again. Is in hand with 4 other frigates, and the Fairfax will sail to-morrow. With order for their payment and turning over into the Fairfax and Newbury, 8 Sept.	Vol. 171. 18, 19
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	„	The captain was present at the launching of the frigate in the Forest last Thursday; will employ men at board wages in rigging her, and husband the business as well as he can. Desires order to bring her down from Lidney to King's Road and to enter men, as also to the victualler to supply her; she will then be ready in 28 days.	20
„ „	Navy Victuallers -	—	Account of provisions shipped in the Pilgrim and 3 other ships for supply of the fleet on the coast of Spain.	21
„ 8	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill of imprest to John Upton for 1,200*l.*, on account of provisions bought for the navy.	22
„ „	„ - -	„	Like order for the pay and entertainment due to John Bourne, as Rear-Admiral of the Fleet, from the date of his commission to the day the Swiftsure was paid off, at 30*s.* a-day.	23
„ „	„ - -	„	Like order for 4,000*l.* a week for 3 weeks to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for carrying on the victualling affairs.	24
„ „	„ -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Phœnix in the Hope, reserving 3 months'.	25
„ „	„ - -	„	Like order for the wages due to Capt. Zach. Browne, late commander of the Success, notwithstanding any former suspension.	26
„ „	Edw. Booth, *Leith* -	Navy Com^rs	Has drawn a bill on them for 21*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.*, and sends an account of its disbursements; it ought to have been signed by Capt. Wilkinson, but as he was sent away in haste, hopes that will be no obstruction to its payment.	27
„ „	Jas. Disbrowe, S. Clarke, *Prize Office, Coleman St., London.*	Adm. Com.	Have received 39 pattacoes of tobacco from the Maidstone and 22 from the Newbury, and the Sub-commissioners at Dover have received 47 from the George, but certifies that in many there is but 2 or 3 rolls in a pattacoe left.	28
„ „	Jo. Falkener, *Ordnance Office.*	Rob. Blackborne.	Has received into the stores from Robt. Keeble, master of the Mary at Harwich, a piece of brass ordnance, weighing 40 cwt., which was one of the Liberty's guns that was cast away. With the Admiralty Commissioners' order for 40*l.* to Keeble for the service, if he recovered the gun, and if Willis, the diver, was not concerned therein. 10 Sept.	29, 30
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Major N. Bourne.	Asks if Mr. Willoughby is ill or gone to Portsmouth, having had no reply to his 2 letters; also what boatswains' and carpenters' stores are supplied to ships going to Jamaica, that he may know how to furnish the Hector.	31

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Sept. 9	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill to George, Nicholas, Benjamin, and Alex. Blake, executors of Gen. Robt. Blake, for his pay and entertainment from the time he was last paid to the time of his decease.	32
„ „	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Bristol.*	„	As the carpenter's work is nearly finished on the new frigate, and men have been ordered to rig her at weekly wages, which is dearer than petty warrant and will take more time, desires leave to enter men upon her, when she can be brought down from Lidney to King's Road, and made ready to sail in 3 weeks.	33
„ „	Col. Ant. Rous, *Wotton.*	Col. Jno. Clerke, Lieut.-Col. Thos. Kelsey, Major Beake, Adm. Com^rs	When last in London, prevailed with them to write General Blake on behalf of his kinsman, Lieut. Ben. Rudyard, for the command of some frigate, but as the general had no opportunity to gratify his desires, hopes they will now do something more. Should dread to appear further on his behalf, and could forget his relationship, but for confidence of his fitness and deserts; he served in the Dutch wars from the beginning, and since in the Straits against the Spaniard, to the satisfaction of those he has been under.	34
„ 10	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill to the slopseller that furnished the Diamond with clothes at her last going southward for 36*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, for clothes delivered to 30 prisoners on board by order of Gen. Blake. With Gen. Blake's order of 18 Sept. 1656.	35, 36
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Jacob Bryent, seaman, for 2*s.* a day, from 11 Mar. 1655–6 to 10 Aug. 1657, during which time he served as Deputy-marshal to the fleet under Generals Blake and Montague.	37
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	The payment of the Sapphire at Chatham will be welcome news to the people thereabouts. The Lion came to Queenborough last night, and will be at her moorings to-day, and by the time those two are paid off, the Resolution and Victory may be at Chatham, as he is about sending pilots to the Downs, according to orders from Gen. Montague.	38
„ 11	John Packwood, *Woolwich.*	„	Soon after the Gift came to anchor yesterday, went on board, and found that all the officers and company, save the boatswain and 6 men, had left the ship, although she was very leaky, had 4 feet of water in her hold, and was making a foot per hour, when the pumps stopped; she so overlaid other ships' anchors that it would require 100 men to clear her of them, and she had to be unrigged, and her guns and provisions, besides some merchants' goods, taken out, which is all a matter of charge, principally contracted by the neglect of her crew in deserting their business. Desire they will suspend the pay of such of the company as deserted the Gift and left her in hazard of sinking in the Thames. 10 Sept. With reference thereon by the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners, 11 Sept.	39, 40
„ „	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Asks a press warrant to obtain men for the new frigate, the carpenters' work being done, that he may bring her down from Lidney to King's Road, where she can be rigged and ready to sail in 3 weeks. 9 Sept. With reference to the Navy Commissioners 11 Sept. to give orders requisite for the expeditious fitting forth of the Forester for sea.	41, 42

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1657. Sept. 11	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to draw up an account or near estimate of all wages and payments due to the ships of the fleet at Jamaica, the coast of Spain, or in the Channel, to 1 Oct. next; likewise of all debts, wages, salaries, &c., that will then be due to the officers of the navy and yards, as also for all navy provisions and stores, and present it on Tuesday next.	Vol. 171. 43
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order for paying off the Lion, lately arrived at Chatham from the West Indies - - -	44
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Like order for the Gift and Selby, lately arrived in the Thames from Jamaica - - -	45
,, ,,	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	[Adm. Com.]	Has drawn a bill of exchange on them for 300*l.*, disbursed for salvage of the Laurel's things, conduct money, and quarters of men, freight, and charges of cordage sent to several places, and for necessaries for several frigates.	46
,, ,,	Capt. Jeffery Dare, J. Steple.	—	Certificate that Martin Simon, purser of the Bear, came into the great cabin, and desired to see the notes for Mr. Knowles' and Mr. Symonds' clothes, having lost his own, and that after entering them in his book, he returned them.	47
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Returns the certificate of Phil. Francis, justice of the peace, that Wilmott Fox, of Plymouth, swore before him that she was the natural mother of Thos. Fox, who lately died on board the Marston Moor at Jamaica. Particulars of ships.	48, 49
,, ,,	John Stainforth, Deputy - marshal, *Chelsea College.*	Adm. Com.	Certifies that Alonso de Plata, pilot, and several other seamen and passengers taken in the Virgin Mary, are now prisoners in Chelsea College, and that 4 of them are sick.	50
,, 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine the complaint of the purser of the Worcester, concerning damage done by the captain and master in reference to the victualling; and on satisfaction being made to the purser, to order the captain's and master's pay, notwithstanding any stop thereon.	51
,, 14	Danl. Furzer, forester, *Lidney Pill.*	Com^r Fras. Willoughby.	All things are in good condition since the launching; is now setting the masts, and had the seamen's work been more forward, she might have been down this spring tide. Had engaged a pilot, but has since heard that Mr. Shewell, of Bristol, has an order to fetch her; this is contrary to Major Wade's expectation, as well as his own, but submits.	52
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	[Adm. Com.]	Has surveyed most of the ships which have come in, and find they will require sheathing and great reparations, which cannot be done in a short time with the number of men allowed, as many that stand in the books are absent through sickness; desires warrant for entering 60 more.	53
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Has safely arrived with the Iceland fleet, and as his provisions were out, obtained 7 days' supply in the Orkney Isles, which will end the 17th. Waits orders from the Admiralty Commissioners, and will then send a further account.	54
,, 15	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order on their petition to pay the wages due to Geo. Castle, late gunner, and John Cole, late master's mate of the Fox fireship, who have lately come home in the Newbury.	55

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Sept. 17	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order not to sign or allow of any written tickets for the service of any officer or mariner serving in any of the ships of the Commonwealth whose station is in the Channel, or on the Scotch or Irish coast, on any pretence whatever, after 10 Nov. next.	56
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to allow Hen. Hudson, boatswain, and Jas. Crooke, cook of the fireship Fox, burnt at Malaga, their pay from the day she was fired to the time the Naseby was paid off, defalking any pay they received as private seamen.	57
,, 18	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	,,	Thanks for the proportions of boatswains' and carpenters' stores allowed to a 5th-rate frigate for Jamaica. Has sent an account of disbursements for carrying on the affairs of the navy, amounting to 2,844*l.* 14*s.*, and desires it may be passed with speed. Asks the present price of hemp, as he may be able to get some more from France. Particulars of ships.	58
,, ,,	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	,,	Has pressed 60 able men for carrying on the work, but as 14 have refused to appear, although they received press and conduct money, and as this is disheartening to the rest, desires they will send a messenger to scare them to their duty, or punish some of them as an example to the others.	59
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	A ship load of masts has arrived belonging to Capt. Taylor; as there are few in the stores, suggests that Capt. Taylor be treated with, and Mr. Shish sent down to survey and measure them.	60
,, ,,	Major Robt. Thomson,	Adm. Com.	Has read General Montague's letter enclosed, as also that of E. Wivell, Mr. Gauden's agent at Dover, to Montague, as to his inability to supply the victuals demanded before October, having already supplied more ships at Dover than the State declared for. Thinks it would be an advantage to supply the fleet with the General on the coast of Flanders from Harwich, where there is a quantity of old provisions, more particularly as Mr. Gauden expects the last year's price for any he issues from Dover before next October. Nevertheless has spoken to him thereon, in case they should think fit to have any from Dover.	61–63
,, ,,	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs	Recommends Thos. Whale, shipwright, for fitting out the State ships. Two shipwrights will be no greater charge, and yet give more dispatch to naval affairs, as when two ships came in together to be refitted, they could each take one; during the quarter, has had as many as 5 in the harbour.	64
,, 19	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Has sent two pilots to the Downs to bring up the Resolution and Victory, as also 20 cables and 16 anchors desired by Lord Montague, in two hoys under convoy of the Eaglet ketch. Particulars of ships.	65
,, ,,	Theop. Sacheverell -	Navy Com^rs	Desires protection for John Read, steward of the Worcester, while in town on the business between him and Capt. Nixon.	66
,, 21	Adam Jennings, *London.*	,,	Has a Danish vessel called the Malme riding against Ratcliffe Cross, laden with 6,000 yellow deals, which he offers for the service. With like letter, 23 Sept.	67, 68
,, ,,	Abraham Johns -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the lieutenant's place in the Tiger, of which he is master's mate; served in that and the Weymouth pink for 8 years. With certificate by Capt. Gab. Sanders.	69, 70

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1657. Sept. 21	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	Agreed with a pilot for bringing down the Forester frigate from Lidney to King's Road, but has since heard that Major Wade sent one on board last Thursday; he ordered them to set and rig her topmasts, which cannot be done in time to bring her down this tide. Asks whether he is now to send for her.	Vol. 171. 71
„ 22	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to supply the Marston Moor with a sayne, harping irons, and other fishing tackle, value 10*l.*	72
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Has provided ships for transporting the 1,500 men to Flanders, and made full provision for more than their number, so as not to add to their discontent by putting them into too great straits; has also procured vessels to carry them on board, and is now going down the River to see that nothing obstructs. Has promised payment for their transportation as soon as certificates are returned, and had given order for the ships to sail for Mardike Pitts and apply to Lord Montague, but has since received orders from Sec. Thurloe to send them to the Downs, and apply to Col. Gibbons for further directions.	73
„ „	Dan. Furzer, *Lidney.*	Navy Com^rs	There are 80 tons of timber at Lidney Pill and Newnam, and 50 in the woods fit for transportation, and more providing every day. Major Wade mentioned Shearhampton Wharf as the most convenient place to ship timber, and was answered that the next contract should be to that effect; it is 2 cables length from where the Friendship was last loaded, and the timber may be brought there by the State's trough. Desires order where to provide a loading, as there is not sufficient in the Yard. The new frigate is lying in the Pill, and has her masts and yards set.	74
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Thos. Turner.	Desires he will move the Commissioners on behalf of Mr. Pichison, merchant, who has 200*l.* worth of hard tallow, which he is willing to sell to the State.	75
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a demand by Capt. Taylor for a supply of deals and wainscoat from Deptford. Will supply the 4 frigates with the extraordinary stores required.	76, 77
„ 23	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to allow Robt. Willis, diver, 20*s.* per cwt. for 4 brass guns recovered by him from the wreck of the Liberty, sunk at Harwich, and weighing 102 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.	78
„ „	Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	„	Mr. Brewer died on Monday, after 5 days' sickness; being informed by Mr. Peirson that Wm. Miles, his late foreman, is to join him as partner, hopes before he comes down the Commissioners will be satisfied as to his ability for the management of the work; if he is not judged fit Mr. Randall, of Deptford, is reported to be so, and might be sent. Has no doubt the water will be kept out by the end of the week, if an able man is sent down to take the charge. Paid Mr. Brewer 50*l.*, and is informed that more than 40*l.* thereof has been paid to his workmen.	79
„ „	Elia. Palmer, Jo. Falkener, *Ordnance Office.*	Adm. Com.	Have dispatched the several vessels for Mardike Pitts, and shipped away after them, under convoy of the Princess Maria, 1,000 pikes and 1,000 muskets; doubt not but she will be ahead of those that carry the soldiers. Nothing more is wanting but the remainder of the baskets and some hatchets and plank, which will be shipped as soon as they can be gotten. Mr. Wright, the fire-master, has not yet returned from his visit to his wife in the country, but supposes His Highness will take order in that particular.	80

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1657.				Vol. 171.
Sept. 23	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale*, *Dublin*.	Navy Com^rs	When the Kinsale was refitted at Bristol, she was supplied with two new cables, and though they have not had much wear, they have gone in a manner all to dirt; the stuff must have been rotten when made up. As none are to be had at Dublin, desires 2 may be sent in any ship that comes from Plymouth or Milford. Understands he is to use printed tickets when he has occasion to discharge men, but never had any sent him.	81
,, 24	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	The late Gen. Blake having given directions for entering Nich. Bartlett, and 5 other midshipmen on board the Swiftsure, and on his removal to the George, having given the like order for the three first named to be borne on that ship, for which they have received tickets, but upon payment of the Swiftsure, they were found supernumeraries to the establishment of that ship, and in their tickets for the George, are set off as extra, whereby their wages have been stopped;—order that they be paid off on their tickets as able seamen, and that what the same falls short of the entertainment of midshipmen for the time they were on those ships be made up to them by bill.	82
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine the amended accounts of Lieut.-Col. Elton, for money disbursed in washing, tallowing, and searching the Pearl, and to make out a bill for what shall be due thereon.	83
,, 25	,, - -	,,	Order to examine the articles of charge exhibited by the purser of the Bear against Capt. Dare, concerning his undue expense of the provisions, and if it shall appear that the captain is chargeable, to defalk the same out of his pay; if otherwise, to allow him his whole pay.	84
,, ,,	Col. Thos. Kelsey -	,,	As there should be two master carpenters for refitting and expediting such frigates as go into Dover Pier, recommends Thos. Wale, shipwright of Dover, of whom he has received a very good character for honesty and ability, and desires he may have order to fit out such frigates going in thither as they shall think fit to allot him.	85
,, ,,	Ordnance Officers -	,,	Have laden on Capt. Clerk's vessel, bound for Jamaica, 20 tons of powder, match, bullet, and other war stores; but having no order to make him out a debenture for the freight, must leave him to receive satisfaction from the Navy Office.	86
,, 26	,, ,, -	Adm. Com.	Send the examination of Martin King, master of the hoy William of London, that a month since he was ordered by the Ordnance officers to go with his hoy to the Colchester, off Deptford, to receive such gunner's stores as the clerk appointed to take up her remains should appoint. That Peter Crawley, master gunner, in the absence of the clerk, gave him 7 barrels of powder, half a coil of cable, and 15 or 16 fathoms of breeching, with a promise of an order to dispose of them, but the clerk coming on board, the embezzlement was prevented, and the powder and cordage brought up to the stores. Although both the examinant and gunner deny any guilty intent, have much reason to believe otherwise, and are also not satisfied with the gunner's accounts; desire order.	87, 88

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Sept. 26	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	In Feb. 1656–7, Hen. Quintyne proposed to furnish the London with 7 iron guns, and agreed to take them again if, after 6 months' trial, they were not well liked, otherwise to be paid after the rate formerly given for the best sort. The time having expired, desire an order to make out a debenture to him at the rate mentioned in his proposals, or otherwise to satisfy him. With draft of a warrant to the Ordnance Officers, to return the guns when the London comes in, as Gen. Montague and other officers have certified that they are too heavy, and unfit for the service.	89, 90
„ 27	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	The Resolution and Victory are at anchor at the Nore Head; is sending an able man and 2 long boats to assist in getting them up the river.	91
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^rs	To similar effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	92
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	The Resolution and Victory are now at anchor off Gillingham; will bring them up to the moorings to-morrow, and put their company to fitting them so as to ride the winter, and securing their stores. To effect this will take 3 or 4 days; has given the whole of them strict orders to stay on board until order is given for paying them off, which he begs may be at Chatham, as well in reference to the good of the service, as in answer to the cries of many poor shopkeepers, who, for want of successive pays there as formerly, are almost undone. Mr. Maplesden also desires an order for payment of his 500*l.* imprest, for want of which the service much suffers, and himself not a little in his reputation; respect cannot be shown to a man more faithful and diligent in the service than he.	93
„ 28	Capt. Wm. Badiley	Navy Com^rs	Desires they will grant him a bill of imprest for 100*l.*, for satisfying the extra work - -	94
„ „	Dan. Furzer, *Bristol*	„	With assistance of Mr. Shewell, brought the frigate from Lidney Pill to King's Road, in little more than 2 hours, and intends bringing her on shore to-morrow, to rip off two of her cleats near the keel, which could not well be done in the Pill.	95
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	„	Last Saturday went, with the best assistance he could get, to fetch down the Forester from Lidney Pill, where he met Major Wade, and both concurring, they have brought her safe to King's Road, where she now rides at anchor, and from whence she shall be suddenly dispatched.	96
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a Spanish prisoner taken in the West Indies, and brought home in the Lion, whom Capt. Lambert was to have conveyed up by some of his officers when they came for their pay, but it was forgotten. Desires the victuals may be hastened down for the Newbury, Marston Moor, and Newcastle, and the pay for the Resolution and Victory, as also an order what to do with their men.	97
„ 29	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine the accounts of Rich. Browne, of Pembroke, for tallowing the Kinsale, Basing, and Paradox, at Milford, and make out a bill for what is due.	98
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to examine the accounts of Lieut.-Col. Elton for washing, tallowing, searching, and supplying necessaries for the Portsmouth, at Hull, and make out a bill to Ensign Rich. Elton for what is due.	99

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Sept. 29	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a bill of imprest to John Upton for 750*l.*, on account of some provisions for the navy.	100
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for preparing a frame for a 4th rate frigate to be built at Deptford Dock, of the same dimensions as the Bristol or Newcastle, and for having all things ready by the time order is given for its building.	101
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the companies of the Resolution and Victory, at Chatham, as also of the Entrance, when she arrives there, and to supply the frigates fitting out there with a sufficient number of men out of the Resolution and Victory.	102
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to cause a valuation to be made of the Tulip, Wildman, Hope flyboat, Nicodemus, and Wren, represented to be so greatly decayed as to be unfit for further service, and after reserving such tackle, guns, carriages, &c., as shall be found advantageous, to put the ships up for sale by the candle, and give public notice of the time appointed, and that all persons to whom the State is engaged for naval debts since 1642 may have liberty to offer for or buy the same, for or towards satisfaction of such debt, and that the bills or the money received thereby be paid to the Treasurer of the Navy, who is to keep a particular account, and charge himself therewith accordingly. [2 *copies.*]	103, 104
„ „	Capt. Rowland Bevans, *Convert, Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	On his voyage to Iceland, his provisions running short, they were forced to two-thirds allowance for 53 days, for 109 men; having laid out 20*l.* for 7 days' victuals, desires they will order payment for the men's short allowance, as also for what he expended.	105
„ „	Nich. Effard, *Harwich.*	„	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	106
„ „	Edm. Powell, *Plymouth.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	Having to go a long and sickly voyage, desires he will move the Commissioners to order Capt. Hatsell to supply him with necessaries for sick and wounded, as also anything else that may be needed, and let him know how much his bills have been signed for.	107
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	—	Accounts of disbursements in fitting out ships named at Dover, from 24 June to 29 Sept., including his travelling expenses to London with his accounts, and commission of 12*s.* 6*d.* per 100*l.* for bringing back 1,197*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.* to John Edwards. Total, 2,310*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*	108
„ 30	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	„	About 12 months since, had Mr. Culmer's charge of the State's provisions at Deal, and since then an additional charge from several ships and frigates; having compared them with his remains, and deliveries, according to order, finds all things fair, so far as he is able to inspect his trust; but as he before hinted, if the men were not honest, he might sometimes charge or not charge himself as he pleased; as for example, ships are going for the West Indies or the Straits, and leave boats or other things behind in the Downs, and if this or that ship miscarry at sea, or be so long abroad that it be forgotten, it cannot be known to himself, or any other clerk of the survey, till Mr. Culmer tells them; hopes he is not guilty.	109

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1657. Sept. 30	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Navy Com[rs]	Has shipped 5 bolts of the best sailcloth in the Andrew of Weymouth, for the stores at Deptford, giving particulars of each; he goes without convoy, but he intends stopping in the Isle of Wight to take the benefit of one. Can now increase the quantity, having prevailed with them to give up making any more of the lowest sorts, and to go on with the highest price; to encourage them, has advanced them money for providing materials. Hoped to send a larger quantity, but altering their work to make the best sort requires some time for whiting and preparing their stuff; when their agreement with those of Bristol has expired, will endeavour to agree with them to have it all for the State's use, which will then be 100 bolts a month. Those of Bristol have offered him 3 parcels, but he refused it, as they demanded profit above the agreement. Will speedily have ready a similar parcel to that now sent, and asks whether he shall send it without convoy. P.S.—As the Andrew is detained by contrary winds, asks whether she shall wait for one.	Vol. 171. 110
,, ,,	Capt. Mark Harrison, *Gift, Downs.*	,,	Has arrived in the Downs with the Selby, having lost the Lion 100 leagues from the Land's End; being ordered by Lieut.-Gen. Brayne to make for the Thames, will do so, except otherwise directed by the Commissioners.	111
,, ,,	Dan. Fleshman -	,,	Deposition as to the purloining of hides from the Dragon ship in Plymouth by Nich. Trelawney, placed on board by Phil. Rogers, mayor, and the Prize Commissioners, to take charge of the ship.	112
Oct. 1	Mat. Clarke, surgeon	Adm. Com.	Petition stating that he served the State several years, and during the wars, as also in the expedition to Hispaniola, where he was appointed surgeon's assistant by warrant from Gen. Penn, with an allowance of 50*l.* a year, and besides 18*s.* a month for a servant. That upon Penn's leaving Jamaica, he was left chief surgeon, and his diligence in that employment gained him good testimony, but it has proved very chargeable; as, besides many losses in his voyage, the 18*s.* a month was detained, being his due by warrant, and he has had no allowance for the time he acted as surgeon-in-chief in the room of Mr. Markham, who had 10*l.* a month, but only his bare salary of 50*l.*, while his pains and care were in all points equivalent to Mr. Markham's, if not beyond, as his papers will show. With order thereon to the Navy Commissioners, to allow him 18*s.* a month for the time he served in the West Indies, and to make out a bill for the same.	Vol. 172. 1
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order for a bill to Jno. Fowler, for his pay as Judge-Advocate of the fleet, from his last payment to this date, at 8*s.* a day, to be made payable to Katherine Fowler.	2
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for a bill to John Powell, messenger, for 5*l.* imprested by him by order of the Admiralty Commissioners to Constant Courtney, minister of the Speaker, to be deducted when Courtney is paid.	3
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com[rs] and Treasurer.	Order to allow the wages due to Jno. Dury, late minister of the Basing, notwithstanding he received no warrant for officiating.	4

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Oct. 1	Capt. John Baskett, the *Wakefield, off the Fishing Ground, Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Generals have sent the Pembroke and Acadia to his assistance, and he has sent away the Signet, being of no use, as the least of the fishermen will endure more sea than she. Has had bad weather, and no fish until this week, and now indifferent weather, and scores of fish. Has not heard of any of the enemies' men-of-war on the coast. Has but 3 weeks' provisions, but that will be sufficient for this season, and then he will repair to the Downs.	5
,, ,,	Capt. Zach. Browne	,,	Hears that Jno. Ashley, boatswain of the Success, delivered into a wherry at Deptford 2 coils of ropes, and some cordage, and that Chas. Newton and Mr. Harris, a waiter then on board, and a servant of Capt. Garrett Tyssen, who came with him from Jamaica, were eye witnesses. Also two other waiters on board will not prove ignorant if examined. With the examinations of Jno. Ashley, that he sold the ropes to a waterman unknown, but they were not the ships' stores, he having bought them himself of a waterman. Also that he lent the cordage to the boatswain of the Sophia, to haul the Adam and Eve to where the Sophia lay; also examinations of Abr. Barnaby and Jno. Harris, as to seeing the hawsers and ropes carried away at 10 p.m., while Ashley, the boatswain, was on board, but he followed them to shore.	6–8
,, ,,	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Milford Haven.*	,,	Had a verbal order from Lord Hen. Cromwell to go from Dublin to Holyhead; meeting with a high storm in returning, and having only 18 days' victuals, put into Milford, where he found their order to fetch a cable from Plymouth. As he cannot procure any provisions for a fortnight, and is in great want of ground tackle, will now repair to Plymouth, and then return to Dublin. The Basing has gone for Cork with Col. Faire. Particulars of ships.	9
,, 2	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to sell the Plover, Little President, Westergate, and Hector, by the candle, they being too decayed for service, reserving such of their tackle, guns, carriages, &c., as may be deemed serviceable by the Ordnance officers; also to give notice that all to whom the State is engaged for naval debts since 1642 may have liberty to buy the same, towards satisfaction of their debts; all bills and money received thereupon be paid to the Navy Treasurer.	10
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Barker, the *Lizard, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Received Esquire Gookin, his wife and family on board the 11th ult., and saw them well over, as also 5 vessels, and then returned to his station until the 27th inst., when he came to Milford to tallow and revictual; expects to return to-day.	11
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Naseby, Downs.*	,,	Sent Capt. Bunn's orders to him on the 27th by the Phœnix, when he sailed with the Guinea, and 4 victuallers; conceives he is now clear of the Land's End. The Assistance, that carried Mr. Meadows over, came into the Downs yesterday. Hears that the Swedish and Danish fleets have been in fight, but does not know who had the best of it; the Danish ships are well manned with Hollanders, and the Danes much fear his Highness will send aid to the Swedes to join with them.	12
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Country, *Gravesend.*	,,	Will convoy the two pinks laden with provisions for Dunkirk as ordered - - - -	13

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Oct. 3	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine the account of Lieut.-Col. Elton for a shallop and other stores supplied to the Preston at Hull, and to make out a bill to Ensign Rich. Elton for what is due.	Vol. 172. 14
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Major Bourne.	Has sent 7 bales, or 1,507 yards, of the best sailcloth by the Andrew of Weymouth, and hopes they will be approved; they are by different makers, and No. 4 bale is 15*d.* a yard. Has more ready, but forbears sending it, as the vessel goes without convoy.	15
„ „	Capt. Rich. Rooth, the *Dartmouth, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Is convoying 4 vessels from Dover, bound to Dieppe and Seine Head, by order of Capt. Robt. Clarke, Commander-in-chief in the Downs, but has been forced back by contrary winds. Has received their order from Capt. Thorowgood to transport to Mardike Pitts such soldiers of Col. Hewson's regiment as shall be put on board by the deputy-governor of Portsmouth.	16
„ „	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Wm. Miles, the carpenter, of whose abilities he desired them to be satisfied before he came down, has arrived. He has given account of several considerable pieces of work he has been engaged upon, is willing to proceed on Mr. Brewer's contract, and has no doubt of perfecting the work to their satisfaction. The great difficulty of keeping the water out is now over, so that a chain pump will now cast out as much water in two hours as is made in a day; this had been done long since, and saved much on Mr. Peirson's account, had he taken advice. If a competent number of men are now employed, the work will not be long in hand; when finished it will prove as dry a dock as there is in England. Desires order as to repairing some Flemish ships in the harbour; wrote Comr. Willoughby thereon, but received no answer. Noted, to trim them above water, and do so much only as will keep them from decay.	17
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has signified their pleasure to Mr. Betts, who will take his journey next Monday. The Fagons has not yet arrived, and the wind changing, has lost the opportunity of sending the hulk to Plymouth. The water was pent out of the dock or dam last Thursday, so that next week they will be laying the apron whereon the gates must stand, which is the most difficult part of the work; if there is fair and dry weather, it will go on apace. What is now doing might have been done at Midsummer, had not the undertaker been too parsimonious; but bought wit is best. Has given Capt. Rooth their order for transporting the soldiers, and the deputy-governor will send them on board next Monday.	18
„ „	Capt. Rob. Wilkinson, *Leith.*	Navy Com^rs	Having urgent occasions for money, and being far from any relations to supply his wants, has had 10*l.* from John Neale, merchant in Leith, and given him a bill payable to Marie Neale, his wife, living near the Tower Dock, London; hopes they will make good payment, and place it to his acccunt.	19
„ „	Capt. Robert Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has just arrived, and left the Fame at Newcastle to follow. The Scotch fleet, with 100 sail of coal ships, passed for London. Has been to the storekeeper for 2 cables, by order of Lord Monk, and as his provisions will not carry him back to Scotland, went to the victualler at Ipswich, but he refused to deliver any without order.	20

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Oct. 3	Adm. Judges, *Dunkirk.*	—	Certificate that Robt. Barnes, prisoner at Ostend, has been freed in exchange for Mat. Keels, prisoner at York, and pass for him to sail in the next boat for England.	21
„ 4	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Naseby, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The Entrance having arrived this day, delivered their order to Capt. Hayward, her commander. The Norwich is at Dunkirk, by order of Lord Montague.	22
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Has put as many men to work on refitting the Satisfaction as can be possibly employed, and she will soon be ready to receive her provisions.	23
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Humber.*	Col. Clarke Adm. Com^r^	Is waiting with his convoys for Hamburg, having been put back by contrary winds. The ships he was to call for at the Texel are bound over already. Has taken in a month's provisions for 160 men, and supplied the small frigate; as he may yet be detained some days, desires order to procure a further supply at Harwich.	24
„ 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order for bills to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 4,000*l.* a week for 4 weeks, from 10 October to 2 November, for carrying on the victualling.	25
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will order Capt. Nutton of the Norwich to proceed to Woolwich, to clean and revictual, and on the arrival of any ship of the northern guard, direct her to convoy the vessels for Scotland; expects the Sparrow pink shortly. The Vulture will be wanted to convoy vessels to and from the army in Flanders.	26
„ „	Capt. Edm. Curle, *Sparrow pink, Harwich.*	Col. Kelsey *Whitehall.*	Thanks for his appointment to the Sparrow pink; has served the State 9 years, and most of the time as commander, and had no master allowed, so his charge has been all the greater. Having had much sickness, is greatly debilitated, and suffers more when lying on the north coast; as he hears there is a ship building at Chatham, desires a remove into her.	27
„ „	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station, and convoying vessels up and down the Swinn, and having seen others to the Yarmouth Roads, will return to his station; but wanting victuals and printed tickets, will call at Harwich.	28
„ „	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Vulture, Hope.*	„	Waits orders, and having only 11 days' provisions, desires a supply - - - -	29
„ „	Capt. Robt. Haytubbe, *Plymouth.*	„	Received the press warrant, but if all the men he has on his lists appear when he gets into the Sound, which he intends very shortly, having all his provisions on board, will have no occasion to use it. The clause mentioned in their letter rose from some words of Major Kelsey when he received his commission, by which he gathered he had been wronged by injurious reports; will endeavour to wipe off those wrongs by following their advice in minding his business, and thereby show that however his head and hand may have erred, yet no man has a heart more entire to their service.	30
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs^	Is making all haste with the Marston Moor, Newbury, and Newcastle, and desires their victuals may be sent.	31

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Oct. 5	Comr. Peter Pett *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. Desires the ships' officers may be hastened down to assist in their dispatch, as most of the men from the Resolution and Victory have entered, or promised to enter, themselves on board, but cannot be invited to work till their money be spent. Has sent to Queenborough for stopping the Entrance, with strict order to her commander to keep his men on board.	32
„ 6	Capt. Rowland Bevans, *Harwich.*	„	Will sail for the Downs to-morrow, and the Expedition and two others will also be ready to sail to their station.	33
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Will take care to receive the cable lent by Sir Rich. Stayner in the Downs to the owners of the Recovery of Plymouth, or its value. A great Dutch East India ship, bound for the East Indies, has been arrested by a warrant of the Admiralty Court, at suit of the East India Company in London, in an action for 20,000*l.*; wishes they may be able to cope with them abroad.	34
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, off Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Is still plying on his station. Sends a certificate of several honest men of Hull, as also one from himself and his officers, on behalf of his chaplain, Simon Andrews, and desires he may have a warrant.	35
„ „	Capt. Valentine Tatnell, *Adventure, Harwich.*	„	Has got in the last of his provisions, and if his new sails arrive, will sail to-morrow. Capt. Duck of the Hunter has departed with the Scotch fleet.	36
„ 7	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind, Hope.*	„	Having seen his convoys into the Downs, and received order from Gen. Montague to proceed to the Hope, and waits orders.	37
„ „	Ordnance Officers -	Robt. Blackborne.	Hearing there are 5 ships named fitting out at Deptford, 2 at Woolwich, and 4 at Chatham, want an order for supplying them with Ordnance stores, stating for what place they are designed, so as to proportion their stores accordingly.	38
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	No vessel has arrived to receive the 1,000 pallisadoes cut and at the water side, and having received no order to seek for one, has sent up the boatswain of the yard for commands.	39
„ „	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Vulture.*	Adm. Com.	Received their order for convoying the laden vessels bound for the Downs, but 2 or 3 having prolonged their time, was forced to make haste to save the morning tide over the flats.	40
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Harwich.*	„	There are 2 hoys to go for Mardike, and has spoken to the masters, who will make all haste, but one of the vessels is aground, and will not be got off before Friday. When they are ready, will sail the first opportunity.	41
„ 8	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	„	The Vulture has gone with the 200 men's victuals, and some others. The vessels with the pallisadoes, &c., having arrived, asks whether they shall sail without convoy, or wait for other hoys. Has ordered the 3 Jamaica ships to go for the Downs, but only the White Roach has gone out of the Hope, there being some demur concerning the rest; she has sufficient dry provisions for 1,800 men, and the beer will be speedily sent afterwards. The demur is that some of the bread may be wanted for the frigates in the river, but if they order their sailing to the Downs, it will be prosecuted. Supposes the pallisadoes provided at Chatham are gone; wrote Mr. Pett to send them away, but has not heard from him.	42

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Oct. 8	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their orders to the commanders of the Expedition and Convert, who will sail to-morrow if weather permits. If the wind be westward, so that the vessels laden with provisions at Ipswich can come down, they will then all be gone to their appointed stations.	43
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	Is sorry they think the 5th-rate frigate is ready to entertain her officers, as there has not been a man employed upon her for 9 or 10 weeks, all that could be spared having been working early and late in making pallisadoes, most of which have been shipped away. If they wish her dispatched, and will give way to the keeping of supernumerary shipwrights, she may be built and launched by January or February.	44
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Repairs of ships. Is employing all the sawyers and shipwrights that can be spared in making pallisadoes, and hopes to have the number ordered by Monday night.	45
„ 9	„ „	„	The hoy with 1,000 pallisadoes has gone down to the Hope with Mr. Medford, boatswain of the yard, to hasten them away. Desires they will pay Robt. Elery, house-carpenter, his bill of 24*l.* for assisting in putting up posts in Ham Creek for fastening ships.	46
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^ and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to Jno. Randall, late gunner of the Maidstone, to 3 October - -	47
„ „	Capt. Rich. Hodges, *Basing, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Hearing from Col. Farr that he and Squire Gookin had a joint order for transportation to Youghall, with their wives and families, consented to carry them over; but Col. Farr's wife being taken sick at Gloucester, he was forced to stay behind, so took Squire Gookin over, with his wife and servants, and then plied about the Land's End until, wanting water, he put into Milford. Wants printed tickets, having several sick men on shore; as there is no provision for them, must give tickets for some of their pay to those who entertain them. Also wants flags and hammocks, which may be sent by the Kinsale from Plymouth, if they will send an order to Capt. Hatsell.	48
„ „	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Elias, Harwich.*	„	Has come in by order of Gen. Montague, to clean and take in 3 months' victuals, and will make all speed to return to the Downs.	49
„ „	Capt. Jas. Strutt, *Half Moon, Harwich.*	„	Has come in to clean and revictual for 3 months, and will use all endeavours to get a speedy dispatch.	50
„ 10	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order for a bill of 1,000*l.* to Rob. Turpin, for sick and wounded seamen - - -	51
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to examine 7 bills of exchange and letters of advice named, taken up by Lieut.-Gen. Brayne, and to make out bills for payment of the money due.	52
„ „	Ro. Aldworth, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	The master and boatswain of the Worcester fell out through a misapprehension as to each other's duties before coming out of dock; but having expressed their sorrow, and promised to be careful for the future, the captain is satisfied, and hopes there will be no further cause of complaint. Will now and then enquire concerning them, and give an account.	53

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Oct. 10	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Forester, King's Road.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires that Geo. Storey, who was his surgeon for 3 years, was approved by the master and wardens of Surgeons' Hall for the Forester, has been on board 4 months, and his chest sent down, may be appointed surgeon, and that the bills made out to him, but since delivered to another, may be recalled.	54
„ „	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	„	Sends a demand for canvas and other stores required for refitting the Elias and Half Moon -	55
„ „	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	The Elias and Half Moon have come in from the Downs to refit and victual, by order of Gen. Montague; will give them all dispatch.	56
„ „	Capt. Thos. Eliott, *Fagons, Cowes Road.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Convoyed several vessels to St. Malo, by order of the deputy-governor of Jersey. On his return, was to call for Sec. Thurloe's son, but was prevented by bad weather. Is convoying the hulk for Plymouth.	57
„ „	Samuel Hodgson -	Adm. Com.	Petition to be continued cook in the Marmaduke, having served in her during her voyage to Jamaica and back, a period of 26 months. With certificate of Capt. Wm. Godfrey, commander.	58, 59
„ „	Gen. E. Montague, the *London, Downs.*	Capt. Mich. Nutton.	Order to sail to Woolwich with some mortar pieces, shells, and other utensils of war, and to give the Admiralty Commissioners notice of his arrival there.	60
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Only one hoy of beer has arrived for the frigates, and no other provisions for the Newbury or Marston Moor. As they have all their stores on board and guns mounted, asks if they shall sail to the Hope or wait for their victuals.	61
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^{rs}	To similar effect. Has sent 2,000 pallisadoes in 2 hoys to the Nore, to meet a convoy for Mardike Pitts, and the other 1,500 are mostly shipped.	62
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	„	Sends the invoice for 7 bales of sailcloth shipped in the Andrew of Weymouth for the stores at Deptford. Has nearly the same quantity ready, but has no convoy. Desires they will examine it and inform him whether, if approved, he is to continue to supply it, as the makers promise, if the employment is permanent, they will only make the best sort, quit all their other customers by degrees, and depend wholly upon the Commissioners. If the goodness of the commodity will allow of an advance of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ or $1d.$ a yard, could get it clean out of the hands of those of Bristol, when their contract for the year has expired. Will draw upon them for his disbursements. Has supplied the Nonsuch with 9 tuns of beer. Can send to Portsmouth any quantity of beef, pork, and peas, on as good terms as the times govern.	63
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival and departure of ships. Last Thursday they began to lay the apron of the dock whereon the gates must stand; it is the most difficult piece of all the dock. If it continues dry weather, hopes it will now go on apace.	64
„ 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a bill to Jno. Powell for 5*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.*, and to Hen. Webley for 5*l.* 17*s.*, disbursed by them for the navy.	65
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Mayflower in the Thames - -	66

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Oct. 12	Capt. Jno. Baskett, the *Wakefield, Fishing Ground, North Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	As there has been a great difference between the English and Dutch fishermen, through the latter falling in amongst the former, cutting their nets, and overbearing them, being the larger vessels, has commanded them out of the fishing grounds, and not to come within half channel, according to the Articles of Agreement. Although he has turned them off in the daytime, they run in the same night, and fish where they find our men catch store of fish. Does not know what to do with them, his orders not extending to using violence, and desires directions.	67
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Arrival and departure of ships. Wants a convoy for the Scotch fleet. Has delivered 7,250 lbs. of bread to the Great President and Portland, by order of Gen. Montague, and asks to whose account it is to be charged. There has been a great dearth in the fishing, but as great a quantity has been brought in the last 7 or 8 days as ever was seen.	68
„ „	Dan. Furzer, *Lidney.*	Navy Com^rs^	Asked before whether to provide a load of timber at Shearehampton Wharf or Lidney Pill, and as progress has been made therein, and 3*s.* a ton will be saved if the State's trow carries it down, desires orders to suspend sending any ship for timber at present; the trow has been employed in ballasting the frigate and carrying her guns and carriages on board. If a load of timber is provided at the wharf, without any expense or trouble to provide vessels to bring it down, from 6*s.* to 8*s.* a ton might be abated from the freight.	69
„ „	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	—	Account of ships at Deptford, number of men on each, and the time they have been on rigging wages.	70
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has been staying at Exeter on public business. Particulars of ships - - - -	71
„ „	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed several ships from Plymouth bound for New England and Newfoundland, and when off Scilly, left Capt. Butler with those for New England, and proceeded with the others to Newfoundland. Found the English fishery there all safe, but there had been a great want of provisions in the land, and the fleet was in great distress for bread. Spared 3,000 lbs. to such as had most need. Has returned with 47 sail, and the masters return thanks for the convoy. The best fishing voyage made this year will be a losing account, both to adventurers and seamen, the price of fish this year being only between 16 and 17 ryals per quintal, which is a very low rate, and besides only a small quantity is taken.	72
„ „	Capt. Hen. Powell, the *Portland, Harwich.*	„	Has come in for 3 months' provisions, by order of the General in the Downs. In heaving up his anchor, it brought up another of 29 cwt., which had lain so many years in the sea that one end of it is worn away; as it is of no use, asks leave to dispose of it for his own benefit.	73
„ „	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Plymouth.*	„	Has received their order for a cable, but wants 2, and other stores, which Capt. Hatsell seems unwilling to supply. Some carpenters' work is needed to make his ship serviceable for the winter.	74
„ „	Martin Simon, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs^	Is glad to hear his business is so near a period, but not having sufficient strength to attend them as desired, hopes they will defer it.	75

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Oct. 12	Jno. White, *Bristol*	Adm.Com.	Thanks for appointing him boatswain of the Forester, but though he has completed the rigging and made her fit for sea without any assistance, now finds that he has been so much abused that they have sent another to reap the harvest of his labours. Hopes they will reconsider his case, as it not only tends to the loss of his employment, but to his utter ruin and disgrace; has in this, as in all other undertakings for the State's service, acquitted himself as a faithful servant.	76
„ „	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Spithead.*	„	Convoyed 16 sail from St. Malo, bound for England, in company with the Fagons, and has seen them to their several ports. Having been off the ground 19 weeks, and having only 4 days' provisions left, desires order where to clean and revictual.	77
„ 13	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a bill to Jno. Upton for 1,200*l.* on account of provisions to be brought by him for the navy.	78
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Capt. Jno. Taylor, master shipwright at Chatham, for pay after the rate of 200*l.* a year, from 30 June 1656 to 30 June 1657, for his extra care and pains during that period, the salary he has received within that time, on the ordinary or otherwise, being deducted.	79
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for cleaning and refitting the Norwich at Woolwich, and victualling her for 2 months -	80
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Roe ketch at Deptford, reserving 3 months' in hand as accustomed; also to give order for cleaning and refitting the ketch, and victualling her for 10 weeks.	81
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Mermaid, after she has been cleaned and revictualled for 3 months, and arrives in the Hope, reserving 3 months in hand.	82
„ „	Capt. Ben. Blake, *Dunbar, Chatham River.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in from the Downs by order of Gen. Montague; sent his sea books to Comr. Pett, and hopes to be at his moorings to-morrow.	83
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Naseby, Queenborough.*	„	Has just arrived with the Dunbar from the Downs, and hopes to get up the river to-morrow, when he will wait upon them.	84
„ „	Jas. Crooke - -	„	Petitions for a cook's place in any ship or frigate, having served the State 7 years; was cook in the Fox fire-ship when she was burnt in Malaga Mould. With note by Sam. Hyland to Col. Clerke, for his influence on petitioner's behalf.	85–87
„ „	Ensign Rich. Elton -	„	Desires they will direct the treasurer to pay him the money due to his father for cleaning and tallowing several ships named; has several bills charged upon him by his father, which have to be paid out of the money, and were payable last Saturday, but the merchants agreed to stay until today, being unwilling to discredit his father by returning them.	88

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1657. Oct. 13	D. Gauden, *Ipswich*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Sends Gen. Montague's warrant to Capt. Jas. Strutt, commander of the Half Moon, to sail to Harwich, and apply to Commissioner Neh. Bourne for 3 months' provisions, and then return to the Downs. Has laden in the Mayflower of Ipswich, and the William of Dover, 100 men's victuals for 6 months for the fleet in the Splinter, off Flanders, which will be in Harwich water this evening, and has requested Capt. Edw. Thomson, of the Expedition, to give them convoy; the other 100 men's victuals for 6 months shall be sent away as soon as any fit vessels present for carrying them. Will also put on board the provisions required by the Portland, Elias, and Half Moon, as soon as they are ready to receive them, although no order has been sent to the victualler, which he desires, but on account of these issues, cannot supply the port of Dover with beef and pork so soon as occasion may call for it, and therefore desires they will supply it from London, and he will return it in 14 days, without charge to the State, and afterwards supply that port with some from Ipswich, which he hopes will be time enough to comply with his unpleasing and unprofitable contract.	89, 90
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	The Half Moon, Elias, and Portland have come in to be refitted; will give them all dispatch -	91
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	,,	The Fagons has arrived with the hulk; has given order for delivery of the powder and shot to the gunner of the Hector. Capt. Elliot complains of leakage in his frigate, but as he has 9 or 10 days' victuals, has ordered him to ply on the coast until it is expended, and then to come in. Particulars of ships.	92
,, ,,	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Hamburg.*	,,	Has safely arrived with his convoys - - - - - - - - - -	93
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Spithead.*	Navy Com^rs	Having heard of the miscarriage of his letters and sea books, sends two more books; hopes they will not impute it to his neglect.	94
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Being forced into Plymouth by weather, was ordered by Commissioner Hatsell to take a month's provisions, cruise between the Deadman and the Start, and wait for the Welcome; but hearing she had passed up Channel with other ships, returned to his station, and has now come for water, and to send some sea books to the Navy Commissioners, the others having miscarried. Had many of his men seized with sickness, and it not being convenient to bring them to Portsmouth, has set them on shore at Weymouth, but as there is no provision for such as desire the State's allowance, asks what to do in this as in like cases; has formerly given them their discharges, as unfit for service.	95
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Plymouth.*	,,	Has been cruising in the Channel until 15 days' since, when he came in and received 14 days' victuals, by order of Capt. Hatsell, and then took charge of 10 sail of merchantmen bound for Rochelle, and 5 for Ireland; having seen them on their way, has returned to refit and victual.	96

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1657.				Vol. 172.
Oct. 13	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a note of the arrival of the Naseby in the river; both she and the Dunbar will be at their moorings to-morrow.	97
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Scarborough.*	„	While plying on his station with the Pearl, spoke 2 Holland men-of-war, going for Bridlington Bay to water, who reported there were 12 more about the Dogger Sand, waiting for their East Indian and Straits fleets.	98
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Newcastle.*	„	Having been ordered by Gen. Monk to take charge of all vessels bound southward for London, or any other place, and see them to Orfordness, and wanting 2 new cables, and there being none in the stores at Scotland, was directed to Harwich for them, and then to sail to Scotland; but meeting with contrary winds and foul weather, has been forced with his fleet into Newcastle Harbour; will take the first opportunity for gaining Yarmouth Roads.	99
„ 14	Jasper Grant, *Bristol.*	„	Thanks for appointing him master of the Forester; but as they have since dismissed him, and sent another to take charge, feels bound to state that he has now attended upon her 6 months, and has been at very great charge to complete the ship, having had to make many journeys to and from Bristol and the Forest. Mr. Shewell can certify this, as also that he has not abused his trust, but having, in the absence of the boatswain, carried up many things at his own expense for launching her, a difference arose thereon between himself and the boatswain, for which they have both been dismissed. Capt. Archer will acknowledge there has been no quarrelling between them since they went on board at King's Road, nor would have been if they had been kept in the service, both being sensible of the evil of what passed while at Lidney. Would come to Whitehall as ordered, but his long attendance, expense, and loss of time, has driven him to such straits that he has not wherewith to bring him to London, or to subsist at Bristol, unless they relieve by giving him some allowance for the time he served, and for his journey, when he will attend and render an account.	100
„ „	Capt. Edw. Grove, *Roe ketch, Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	His sea victuals were expended the 1st inst., when he received 15*l.* of the Mayor of Lynn, which, according to the State's allowance, ended the 13th; as his men are yet unpaid, and without provisions, desires they will order the clerk of the check to victual them by petty warrant.	101
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	The Swiftsure had a narrow escape of being burnt yesterday, through the carelessness of the caulkers in breeming her down under water, the fire got too high on the jink side, but having a store of help, some water in buckets in the ship, and the engine on shore, they mastered the fire without more damage than blacking her side; the mercy was greater in regard all the ports were open, and store of shavings on the middle deck, where the joiners were at work, though they are mostly cleared out daily for fear of such accidents. Will cause more care to be taken for the future.	102

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Oct. 14	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The Naseby and Dunbar having come to their moorings, asks how their men are to be disposed of, as they will finish what they have to do to-morrow. There is 2,000*l.* that was left at Chatham by the paymaster, which will make a good beginning.	103
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. Particulars of victualling of ships - - - - - -	104
„ „	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Vulture, Harwich.*	„	Has safely arrived from Mardike Pitts, and expects to haul on shore to-day, but the tides are small, through the easterly winds; the Half Moon is on shore, and will hardly float this tide; will make all haste, and desires order as to his station.	105
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	„	The Nonsuch having arrived at Spithead, desires order as to her repairs, also a convoy for 5 small vessels with drapery and linen from St. Malo, bound for London.	106
„ 15	Majors Robt. Thomson, and N. Bourne, *Victualling Office.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Several pursers are now attending to pass their accounts, particularly those returned from the coast of Spain, and produce certificates for victualling prisoners at whole allowance, and some of them for having carried supernumeraries above the establishment. To the first, order was formerly given to permit but half allowance, from which they will not recede without further order; have no rule to lead them with regard to the latter, and as their clamour is great, must refer them to the Navy Commissioners, or have instructions how to answer their demands; some of the commanders at Jamaica gave orders to their pursers to issue extra provisions to encourage men to do service on ships, and in the forts on shore. With notes of the reply that they are to make allowance where there is an order from the generals or commanders-in-chief at sea or on shore.	107
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Naseby and Dunbar at Chatham, and supply the frigates fitting out there with a sufficient number of men out of the companies of each.	108
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a bill to Geo. Alkington for 565*l.* for a jewel provided for Gen. Blake, as also for 10*l.* for his care and pains in buying diamonds for the jewel.	109
„ „	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	„	Asks whether to send a demand to London for tallow and cables for the stores, or purchase some at Harwich. Was constrained to take up a great quantity of canvas to complete the sails for the last ships, and had to promise ready money ere he could procure it.	110
„ „	Geo. Kynnycott, Mayor, and 6 others, *Dartmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for giving their fishing ships a convoy from Newfoundland, whereby many hundreds are now comfortably supplied, and delighted with each other's society.	111
„ „	Jno. Pearce, *Lily, Dunkirk.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a petition of John Smith, and asks if the order endorsed on it to enter him as cook in the Lily, in place of Hen. Goldsmith, is theirs, or whether it was not intended he should be restored to the Swallow, from which he is deprived by Capt. Pettock, as mentioned in his petition. Has entered him on board, but not as cook, until further order.	112

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Oct. 15	Chas. Rich - -	Major-Gen. Kelsey, and Col. Clarke.	Thanks for giving employment to Jasper Cooper, shipwright, at Woolwich; there is a frigate to be built at Deptford, where Cooper and his family reside; desires order to the master builder to employ him there, as he is worthy of being carpenter in any ship.	Vol. 172. 113
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Desires order to revictual; has 2 months' remaining, but the beef has proved defective, and stinks.	114
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *Essex, Downs.*	„	Sends a letter from the Ordnance Officers to Gen. Montague, giving particulars of stores shipped in the Transitory of London, and promising that others will follow. Appointed the Convert to convoy the hoy to Mardike, where the Adventure and Expedition have also gone with 6 sail. The Cornelian arrived last night from Calais with the Lord Ambassador; has sent her back with a convoy, and then for Dunkirk. Arrival and departure of other ships. A seaman, in attempting to run away with the Adventure's boat, was wounded by the corporal. The Judge-Advocate has taken examinations thereon, and it is believed the corporal only did his duty. There is a great want of stores for the ships in the Downs, and men are on short allowance until victuals arrive, but the commanders are using all means to clean their ships.	115–118
„ 16	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	„	Particulars of a survey made of the defects in the Mermaid; she may be made fit for sea in 3 weeks without docking.	119
„ „	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Hope.*	„	Convoyed several vessels bound for the Downs; transported Lieut.-Col. White and several others to Mardike Fort, and then returned to the Downs with letters for the general, which he delivered to Sir Rich. Stayner. Has only 13 days' provisions left.	120
„ „	Capt. N. Heaton, *Plymouth.*	„	Sends a journal of his proceedings from the time he left Plymouth, Sept. 12 last, to his return this day. Traversed 807 leagues in and about the Soundings, and spoke a Hollander, who eported that he had been several days with the English fleet before Cadiz, and they would not suffer him to go in there, as he was laden with rice; that he parted with the fleet near Lagus, going to Lisbon; that they chased 8 sail standing towards Cadiz, and had taken a Hollander from the Canaries, laden with hides, and 200 Spaniards, who were passengers. Has come in for water and ballast, and when finished, will return to his station.	121, 122
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Humber.*	„	Sailed with his convoys for Hamburg on the 6th inst., and was forced for safety to ride at the harbour's mouth until the 10th; has now come in to water, and has only 7 days' provisions.	123
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *Essex, Downs.*	„	A messenger having arrived last night from his Highness, bound for Mardike, and the Convert being yet in sight, sent him over in her; the Amity has gone with the passengers for Flushing. Capt. Greenley's ketch and other ships have arrived from Mardike, and brought the packet enclosed for Lord Montague. There are 10 sail in the Downs, waiting for a convoy to Bordeaux; there are also several of the State's ships whose provisions are nearly expended, and who are not on the list to be supplied from the vessels coming with the victuals. Supposes the pursers who are to take in provisions will want other necessaries; will call the commanders together, and cause them to see that their ships are provided as well as they can.	124

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1657. Oct. 16	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Harwich with 2 hoys laden with provisions from Ipswich, and being forced into the Downs, and understanding the General was at London, went on board the Rear-Admiral, who ordered him to stay, and sent Capt. Sparling, of the Assistance, with the hoys for Mardike.	125
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Constant Warwick, Plymouth Sound.*	,,	Has repaired, cleaned, and victualled for 2 months, and is ordered by Com^{r}. Hatsell to lie to and again in the mouth of the Channel.	126
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Yarmouth Roads.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Will not issue any more written tickets, but only received 30 printed, 15 of which were given to men discharged into the Portsmouth, and the rest, with 33 written, of which he kept copies, have since been issued; has had occasion for more for some sick men, but will wait until supplied with printed ones. Is now going over to the Maas with several vessels laden with cloth and lead; hears there are many others there waiting to come for England.	127
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,, 17	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order to confer with Capt. Lambert, lately returned from the West Indies, and to give order for putting on board such ships as are bound for those parts 20 chaldron of coals, and a supply of cables and rod iron for making nails.	1
,, ,,	Capt. Peter Foote -	Adm. Com.	Desires order as to the disposal of the prisoners on board the Mermaid, and also concerning the ships' company.	2
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	,,	Has tallowed the Elias and 3 others, who will be ready to return to their station next week -	3
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires they will grant the request of Martin Symon, purser of the Bear, as he is a very honest man, of mean estate, and has lately had a fit of sickness.	4
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Pearl, Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Has been cruising on his station with the Pearl; desires orders may be sent to Scarborough for him to revictual, clean, and be supplied with necessaries. Met 2 Holland men-of-war, who reported that De Witt, with 12 of their men-of-war, were waiting off the Dogger, for their East India and Straits' fleet.	5
,, ,,	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *Essex, Downs.*	,,	Capt. Valentine Tatnell of the Adventure has brought in the Peter of Ostend, a man-of-war of 7 guns and 40 men and boys; sends the examination of Jan Morette, her commander. There was another frigate in her company which escaped, and the Assistance has gone to look after her. Wishes he had 3 or 4 frigates to cruise about, does not doubt but they would bring in some of the enemy. The hoy with 70 tuns of beer has arrived, and gone back to London with the empty casks. The messengers with the letters from his Highness have gone for Mardike. Is in great straits for want of the provisions detained by the wind. Particulars of ships.	6, 7

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Oct. 17	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends invoice for an extra bale of sailcloth, shipped in the Andrew of Weymouth, for Deptford; wonders they should raise the question who is to bear the risk of sending it, having advised them of the agreement he made with the makers, to give them 18*d.* a yard on the place; therefore it cannot be expected that they will bear the risk. For such poor countrymen to adventure their goods at sea is out of their element; many of them are not worth a bale of cloth; is constrained to advance them 20*l.* a piece to help them with materials, and they can bear no adventure, as they have only the same price formerly paid to them by the merchants. With regard to himself, only acts by their commission, and therefore hopes they do not expect that he should bear the risk and charges, which his commission will not allow; but to save further charge, will in future send the cloth to Portsmouth by the State's ships, whence if not used up there, it can be taken by other of the State's ships to Deptford, at no charge or risk. Has 6 bales more ready, and as the men have given up making the ordinary sort, hopes to have a quantity of the best sort brought in weekly.	8
„ „	Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Maj. Neh. Bourne.	Account of the works executed in making the new dock; desires that an experienced man may be sent down to advise therein, until the principal part is completed, and that Thos. Hatch, who has been long in the service, and for some time his foreman, may succeed Mr. Hawkins, the boat maker, who died on Wednesday.	9
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is in hand with the Nonsuch. The captain of the Lark requires an order for refitting and victualling; there are 12 sail laden with linen, drapery, and other commodities from St. Malo and the West, who desire a convoy to the Downs.	10
„ 18	Lieut.-Col. Elton, *Hull.*	„	Thanks for paying his bills to his son. There being 8 ships ready to sail for London, has solicited Capt. Robinson to give them convoy as far as Yarmouth.	11
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Humber.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Having put in through the easterly winds, has been desired by the Governor to give convoy to 8 ships laden with lead, &c., for London; hopes he will not offend by complying with his request without the Commissioners' order.	12
„ 19	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Understands they will ask Lord Montague how he is to place the bread and beer to the account of the Portland and Great President. Thinks Capt. Baskett has gone for the Downs, but will follow their order if he returns. There has been a great storm since Saturday, and the Fame was forced away, and fired 2 guns; believes she has gone for the Humber, as it is said she ran foul of a wreck in the Roads. Sent 3 vessels with provisions to Mardike, but there is no order for delivering the goods, nor any one to receive and pay for them, and they are now lying in a wild road, at the hazard of both vessels and goods, contrary to his Highness's and the Council's order. Gen. Montague wrote him that Gen. Turenne had promised to pay ready money for them; beseeches help.	13
„ „	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Accounts of ships at Deptford preparing for sea, the time they have been in rigging wages, and the number of men mustered on each.	14

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1657. Oct. 19	Mark Harrison -	Mr. Borough.	Hopes he will find the ticket he delivered to him at the Treasury Office, and save those interested therein,—of which his, Borough's, sister was one,—any further trouble.	15
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	[Adm. Com.]	The ship with the sail cloth put back yesterday through contrary winds. Having disbursed 170*l.*, has given a bill on them for 100*l.*, and desires payment; also orders whether to send the cloth to Portsmouth or Deptford for the future. Noted, to be sent to Portsmouth unless a convoy presents.	16
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Received their packets for Lieut.-Gen. Brayne, and Capt. Haytubbe, and will send 6 reams of paper to the former. Particulars of ships.	17
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com[rs]	Mr. Mundy, the purveyor, has bills already passed for timber and plank delivered into the stores value 300*l.*, and has supplied 400*l.* worth since, for the whole of which he has only received one imprest bill for 500*l.*; has granted him another for 500*l.* towards the payment of several bargains bought by him, as without this he could not give a further supply.	18
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *Essex, Downs.*	[Adm. Com.]	There has been no ammunition from Flanders since Lord Montague went from the Downs, nor any victuals from London or Harwich, save 9 weeks, in the Expedition and Convert, and 93 tuns of beer from London, which has been disposed of amongst the fleet; as several ships have only flesh for a few days, they will be in great straits if the easterly wind continues, and the convoys for Mardike, one of which carries 30 horses and 8 carts, cannot sail. Desires directions as to giving convoy to 10 sail bound for Bordeaux, and as to the disposal of the French prize and her prisoners. Her captain says there are 6 Biscay frigates lying off the North Cape, carrying from 24 to 28 guns, and 4 more coming for Flanders. The Convert has brought over 2 Frenchmen from Calais, bound to London on business to his Highness. Particulars of ships.	19
„ 20	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order for building 2 shallops for the use of Vice-Adm. Goodson before Mardike, unless there are any in the State's yards that will carry 2 guns each in their head, and row well with oars.	20
„ „	Thos. Warren, Philip Jegon.	[Navy Com[rs]]	There is 2,500*l.* due to them for brandy, and 400*l.* for Madeira wine, and their occasions for money are very great, besides being engaged to pay 1,150*l.* for freight of the brandy; beg particular directions for payment, otherwise are advised by Capt. Allen it cannot be paid, being part of the old debt.	21
„ „	Nicholaus Demendos, Portuguese.	The Protector.	Petition for payment of the wages due to him as cook's mate in the Selby, which he joined in the West Indies, and served in under Capt. Saml. Higginson for 16 months. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners. Also certificate of Capt. Higginson and 2 others.	22, 23
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Lord Montague.	As 20 midshipmen were appointed to the Naseby on her last voyage, but only 8 allowed on the last establishment of officers, desires order to the Navy Commissioners to give an allowance by bill to the other 12, that they may receive their pay. With the order, 22 Oct.	24, 25

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1657. Oct. 21	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	[Navy Com^rs.]	Will give certificates to the rulers of the watermen for all men entered and pressed, when they produce their accounts; has discharged 71 supernumeraries entered at Woolwich; had many words with the officers for entertaining men at Gravesend, and discharging others, which they will still do. There is only the Speaker and the Hind ketch in the Hope, and men have been on board 7 or 8 days in hopes of being entered, which he has refused to do; had much trouble to reduce them to their complement.	Vol. 173. 26
„ „	Capt. Jno. Grove, the *Pembroke, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying off Yarmouth to secure the fishery, and his victuals being expended, made for the Downs, but meeting with a storm, was forced to anchor, and had to cut his mainmast by the board to save the ship and lives; will resail for the Downs.	27
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	The Fame nearly came on shore in the storm last Monday, but has since gone for the Humber; the Pembroke was forced to cut down her mainmast, and has now gone for Harwich. The mainyard and sails being at Caistor, was forced to send a warrant before he could get them from the agents of the lord of the manor; the mainmast and maintopsail yard having come on shore at Caistor, either he or his son will go after them, and return them to the frigate, as also the foremast of the Laurel, which is still at Lowestoft, and put it on board the Pembroke.	28
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - -	29
„ „	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Portland Road.*	„	Will proceed to St. Malo as ordered; hearing that Capt. Cary, commander of a Dunkirk frigate of 11 guns, is lying about Alderney with 2 other small frigates, has thought it necessary,—his own ship being very foul—to buy as much tallow at Guernsey, where he will touch with some vessels of Jersey, as will clean her; will then return to his station with speed.	30
„ „	Thos. Lewis -	Thos. Turner, *Navy Office.*	Desires he will favour Mr. Hinton, late surgeon of the Mayflower, by giving him all dispatch about his medicine chest.	31
„ „	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Red Horse pink, Dover Roads.*	Adm. Com.	His pink is very leaky and defective by service in the West Indies, and he has but 3 weeks' provisions. Is ready and willing to serve as well in winter as summer, if he had a ship able to keep at sea; but if another leak should appear, he will not be able to keep the pink up. Is bound to St. Vallery by order of the Governor of Calais, to convoy some vessels from thence with provisions for the French army.	32
„ 22	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill to Luke Slyfield, deputy-marshal of the fleet in the Downs, for his pay at 2*s.* a day from 11 July to 8 Oct. 1657.	33
„ „	„ - -	Victualling Com^rs.	Order for supplying the Roe ketch, refitting at Deptford, with 3 months' victuals - - -	34
„ „	Gen. E. Montague -	—	Certificate that Thos. Copping came as a volunteer from London to Portsmouth, was entered on board the Naseby as sailmaker 24 May, and served until the 17th Oct. 1657, and that he has seen the certificate of Thomas Clements, the boatswain, to that effect.	35

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Oct. 22	Edm. Poortmans, *Tower Hill.*	Navy Com^rs	Recommends the wife of Thos. Bevan, who, with her 2 children, has come up to London to enquire after her husband, who left her 2 years since, and entered one of the State's ships going for Jamaica. Having looked over his books without success, desires they will cause those of the ships lately come from Jamaica to be searched, and if his name cannot be found, consider her necessities, and enable her to return home.	36
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to repair, having received much damage in a storm, and his ship proving very leaky. Wants a cable and a suit of sails.	37
„ „	Prize Officers, *Coleman St.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Understanding that Capt. Tatnell of the Adventure has brought a prize into the Downs, called the St. Peter of Ostend, laden with fish and oil, and that their sub-commissioners are denied the custody of her by Sir Richard Stayner, until he receives a reply to his letter to the Admiralty Commissioners about her, desire he will acquaint them therewith, and obtain a speedy dispatch.	38
„ „	Capt. Jas. Strutt, *Half Moon, Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Has had his ship repaired, and if the provisions arrive, can sail in 3 days - - - -	39
„ „	„ „	„	Sends a complaint from himself and other officers against the master, for incapacity, drunkenness, and dishonesty, and recommends John Harris, his mate, to succeed him.	40, 41
„ 23	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Has drawn 2 bills of exchange on Mr. Treasurer for 544*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.* and 256*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*, which, with 800*l.* received 27 March last, and 1,500*l.* charged 7 Aug. is the balance of his account of disbursements for fitting out ships. Would have charged the money sooner, but judged it would have been fruitless in regard the 1,500*l.* was so long in paying; thinks it hard to be kept so long without his money. Particulars of ships. Hears the Portuguese have had some success against the Spaniards.	42
„ „	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Poplar.*	Col. Clarke.	Asks whether he is likely to be re-employed by the State, as, since his return from Jamaica, he has been a prisoner in his own house, Peter Barby, a French factor, having threatened to persecute him to the heighth of his malice, so that he is out of the frying pan into the fire. If the Commissioners would give him the command of the 5th rate frigate building at Chatham, or a letter to Vice-Admiral Goodson to give him employment, it would the better enable him to compound with his adversary; there is 85*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* belonging to him which has been in the hands of the State these 3 years.	43
„ „	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Desires order to the commissioner at Plymouth to supply him with carpenter and boatswain's stores; is in great want of more tickets.	44
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^rs	Sends the muster book and some printed tickets in lieu of some written ones returned - -	45
„ „	Jno. Stainforth, Deputy-Marshal.	—	Receipt for 34 prisoners named from Luke Slyfield, deputy-marshal - - - -	46

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1657. Oct. 23	Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	The works on the dock go on slowly owing to the wet, and the time not being improved to the best advantage; is unacquainted with underground work, and does not find a man engaged thereon fit to be trusted, as an error in the foundation might be very prejudicial; desires that an able man may be sent down for a few weeks to superintend the work.	47
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Tynemouth Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed several vessels laden with cloth and lead out of Yarmouth Roads, bound for the Maas, by order of Major Burton, but was forced back by a violent storm, and having lost his cables and anchors, has put into Tynemouth for a supply, when he will rejoin his convoy in Yarmouth Roads. Desires order to the Mayor of Newcastle to furnish him with what he requires, as he is riding at anchor with a cable and anchor supplied by Capt. Wilkinson of the Weymouth pink.	48
„ „	Jno. Stainforth, Deputy-Marshal, *Chelsea College.*	[Adm. Com.]	Certifies, at request of Capt. Sidrach Blake, the names of 15 prisoners in Chelsea College, supposed to be Biscaneers, and sends a list of 38 formerly belonging to the Peter of Ostend.	49, 50
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, *Essex, Downs.*	„	Capt. Packe of the Amity has arrived from Flushing, by order of Lord Montague, to carry over a French gentleman, as also to convoy a vessel of Sandwich thither, and brought a parcel of letters addressed to Mr. Stock of Dover. The White Roach has also come with provisions, but much powder, match, and oatmeal being stowed upon it, which he has no orders to dispose of, will be forced to send it back unless otherwise directed. Lord Ambassador Lockhart having arrived, appointed the Elizabeth to transport him to Calais, and the Judge-Advocate has gone with him. The Drake has brought in a sloop and a hoy taken between Dunkirk and Nieuport; the sloop pretends to be bound for Calais, but it is believed she was intended for Dunkirk; will secure their papers, and take their examinations, and if they prove prize, send them to Dover. Hears that all things are well with Admiral Goodson, but that he expected an assault every day. He wants 3 cables, blunderbusses, and firelocks, those they have not being fixed. Particulars of ships.	51
„ 24	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Forester, King's Road.*	Adm. Com.	The master and boatswain have come down, and being manned and victualled, can sail with his convoys next week.	52
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *George, Downs.*	„	Having brought home 4 Spanish prisoners, asks how to dispose of them, as they very naked, also for further orders.	53
„ „	Geo. Dawson, Mayor, *Newcastle.*	„	Desires order for supplying Capt. Wright, commander of the Fame, with anchors and cables; also directions to the Commissioners of Customs to allow his disbursements out of the money arising in that port.	54
„ „	Capt. Thos. Penrose	Robt. Blackborne.	Complains that having pressed Wm. Whitfield, who lives with And. Coleman of Wapping, Coleman, with 7 or 8 men, set upon him and his men, beat them out of his house, and rescued Whitfield, professing to be in employment, and therefore privileged to keep any man from the service.	55

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Oct. 24	Anth. Wilson, Ri. Greene, *Leith.*	Adm. Com.	A year since, received certain rigging with 5 brass and 12 iron guns belonging to the Islip, and sent the guns up to them by Capt. Sparling of the Assistance, by Gen. Monk's order, but have had no receipt. As the State is at great charge in keeping the rigging, and there are 10 anchors and 10 stocks sent from London of no use, desire order for sending them up. Have disposed of the greatest part of the cables and topmasts sent down, and given an account thereof.	56
,, 25	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Pearl, Humber.*	,,	Is waiting to convoy 2 ships laden with soldiers for Hamburg, as ordered by the Governor of Hull.	57
,, ,,	Sir Richard Stayner, the *Essex, Downs.*	,,	Has sent the Adventure, Convert, and Expedition, to ply on the French coast, to surprise and destroy any of the enemies' vessels they may meet, having had intelligence of some of their men-of-war lying thereabouts. Particulars of ships. Being informed by the victualler at Dover that he has 30,000 lbs. of bread, and 300 tuns of beer ready, has given him orders for 3 months' beer for 300 men. Several vessels have arrived with provisions, which shall be disposed of as directed; desires order as to a quantity of match and powder on board the White Roach.	58
,, 26	Adm. Judges, *Dunkirk.*	—	Certificate that Wm. Pymble, mariner, prisoner at Ostend, has been freed in exchange for Gilbert Van Waekeron, and pass for his return to England.	59
,, ,,	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will send the victualling accounts and vouchers. Saved all the rigging and masts cut away belonging to the Pembroke, and returned them; also supplied her with 200 fish and a firkin of butter to carry her to Harwich; directed Capt. Groves to send to Lowestoft for the Laurel's foremast, which will make him a mainmast. Thanks for giving Col. White orders to receive his goods at Mardike fort.	60
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	,,	Has given the marshal order to discharge the persons they mention, and will send a list of the prisoners remaining, with their qualities, and the ships they were taken from. Having had some fine weather, the carpenters and caulkers are dispatching the work on the Sorlings and Fagon.	61
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Humber.*	,,	Will sail to-night with 12 laden merchantmen bound for London, this being the first opportunity they have had since the tempestuous weather, which caused many wrecks upon the coast. Has taken in 14 days' provisions, but has no medicaments, although he has 20 or 30 sick through stinking meat and beer, so that for several days his men drank water.	62
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	,,	The Amity having arrived at Spithead, has communicated their pleasure to the Captain as to giving convoy to the Downs. Is in hand with the repairs of the Nonsuch and Wakefield.	63

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Oct. 27	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends another account of provisions required for the stores, and desires they may all be hastened down, as they are much wanted.	64
„ „	T. Dickinson, Mayor of *York.*	Adm. Com.	Again desires they will appoint 2 or 3 frigates to convoy 10 sail belonging to merchants of York, which are bound for York and Hull with wine, and likely to pay a considerable sum for excise and customs. Sends the names of 9 of the masters of the ships; if they will order the convoy to rendezvous at St. Martin's Island, it will be a great encouragement to the adventurers.	65
„ „	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	Will give the Pembroke and Wakefield all dispatch when they come into port. The Half Moon and two others are waiting for their victuals, but on account of the great southerly winds last week, the boats could not bring them from Ipswich.	66
„ „	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham Dock.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires a supply of canvas and oil for the stores - - - - - - - -	67
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *Essex*, *Downs.*	„	All the beer has come down except 100 tuns; there are some provisions on board the White Roach above the proportion, which would be useful if he had order to distribute them amongst the ships; there is a great want of boatswain and carpenter's stores, as when at Mardike, they spared all the spikes and nails they could. A ship of 16 guns belonging to the Pope's dominions has been brought in; believes the goods will prove prize. A Plymouth man has ran ashore at the North Foreland, having neither anchor nor cable; has supplied her to save the ship, and for which they gave the bill enclosed.	68
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. Has again inquired as to the demands for gunner and carpenter's stores of the respective commanders, who assert they were made as sparingly as possible, and that there is nothing specified therein but what necessity requires. Has taken in almost all the beer, and would have cleared the White Roach of the provisions, but for the weather. Particulars of ships. Asks what is to be done with the prize brought in by the Convert and Adventure, her company being English, Greeks, and Hollanders. Will send up the prisoners on board the George by the next convenience. There is a very hard gale, and the wind S. and by E.	69
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	As the 2 new shallops will soon be ready, desires orders who is to command them, so that they may get all their provisions ready; has applied to the Ordnance Office for 2 long brass minions and 2 brass murderers with spindles for them, which will be more useful than any carriages can be; if they will allow them 2 murderers a piece, and ammunition, they will look like galliots, and may do good service if not sent where there is much foul weather.	70
„ 28	Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	It is time to prepare the rigging for the new ships; a boatswain and 4 or 6 men will suffice to carry on the work.	71

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1657. Oct. 28	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Will ship the Laurel's foremast on board the Pembroke. Will send an account of the quantity of hemp he can procure, and at what price. Such a quantity of sound hemp came up this year, that the countrymen despaired of selling it, and slighted the reaping, and the rain took it, and it rotted upon the ground, so that there will be a great quantity of rotten hemp which may be had cheap; but that which is good will be as dear as last year, viz., from 4*s.* to 5*s.* per stone, besides the charges of bringing it home. Cannot say the price of cordage before he knows how he can buy the hemp; if there be several buyers, the price will be up aloft presently. Was forced all last year to employ but one man, and paid the money down before he fetched away the hemp; there is no considerable quantity in one man's hands, but here 100 stones, and in another place 50, 40, 10, or 5 stones, and so a man has to go all the country about, which is no small trouble. Wonders they should ask him to advise about hemp and cordage, because a gentleman of the town lately abused him touching the hemp and cordage he delivered last year, which falsehood was spoken to Major Bourne; wrote Major Bourne about it, and how the party had since confessed he did it to get some of the rope employment, but he has no more skill of cordage or hemp than a ploughman. Has not heard any more of the Fame, but has recovered an anchor and 2 cables, and will get the other when the fine weather comes.	Vol. 173. 72
„ „	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Wittenburg, near Hamburg.*	Adm. Com.	Has had strong easterly winds, so that little has been done by the masters or merchants in delivering or shipping goods, and it froze so hard that it was as much as they could do to secure their ships. Hopes soon to get to sea.	73
„ „	Major-Gen. Thos. Morgan, *Calais.*	Col. Salmon Adm. Comr. *York House Strand.*	One half of his officers and soldiers are sick, and it is generally supposed from the same disease as in England. Understanding the Admiralty Commissioners intend to appoint some of the navy now riding upon the coast of Flanders to ply upon the northern coast, begs that Captins Nixon and Lilburne, north countrymen, and fit for that coast, may be appointed for that purpose. The service they were upon together in Scotland was judged toilsome, but this is ten times more toilsome and laborious. Are like to endure very much hardship this winter, and very many of the soldiers die. If he will do this favour on behalf of the two captains, shall take it as done to himself.	74
„ „	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	Send an account of canvas received and issued from 1 Jan. 1656-7, to 1 October 1657, with the names of those who supplied it, and the quantity received from each.	75

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Oct. 28	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *Essex*.	Adm. Com.	Sends a demand for boatswains' and carpenters' stores. The Judge-Advocate is taking the examinations of the company of the ship brought in by the Convert, which by the foul weather sheared on board the Entrance, and carried away her foremast, boltsprit, and head. Believes her goods will prove prize, if not the ship also. The weather is so foul that the ships could hardly go about to fetch any victuals for the last 2 days, or to ascertain from the pursers what they have on board. 4 pinnaces are much needed for the fleet, and a long boat for the London. The North Foreland fishermen having come for a convoy, ordered the Beaver to lie among them until further order. There are 30 sail that fish off the Ness who desire the same. Has only the 2 ketches, some time employed as convoys to Mardike. The man that General Montague sent to Flushing in the Amity desires a ship to bring him back. Particulars of ships.	76
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham*.	Navy Com^rs^	The anchor-smith at Chatham is a great sufferer for want of money; there are such great sums due to him from the State that he is not able to forbear and keep his credit. A great part of his gains goes in the extra price he pays for the iron bought on credit. If smiths have no money to buy of the merchant, the ironmonger will force bad iron away with the good, and charge 2*s*. and 3*s*. in the pound more, so that if they intend to have good iron for the service, and for the smith to perform his duty, they must make him a present supply of money.	77
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth*.	Adm. Com.	The Amity and others still wait an opportunity to sail from Spithead. The Nonsuch is off the ground, and will soon be ready. The President has passed with several ships towards Cowes.	78
,, 29	Capt. Ro. Blake, *Newbury, Downs*.	,,	Sailed from Chatham Dock the 26th instant, not considering it his duty to wait there any longer for men, but has now 190 men and boys on board.	79
,, ,,	Jno. Browne, *Harwich*.	,,	As the Wakefield and Pembroke are ordered in to clean and victual, desires the tallow, tar, and canvas formerly demanded may be hastened down, as there is only tallow for one of them, and none to be bought thereabouts.	80
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Weymouth*.	,,	Having been prevented sailing to St. Malo, has cleaned his frigate, but will put to sea to-day, and on meeting Capt. Woolters, will keep his company and follow his orders.	81
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Elias, Harwich*.	,,	Having taken in his long-expected provisions, will hasten to the Downs - - - -	82
,, ,,	Capt. Jas. Strutt, *Harwich*.	,,	Is ready to sail to the Downs with the first wind. Has had very bad weather since he came in. A Dutch ship of 200 tons and 9 guns was lost off Harwich, but the men got on shore in their boat.	83
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order for a bill to Robt. Bridges, for the use of Fras. Willoughby, for 8*l*. 12*s*. 5*d*., disbursed in bringing up Spanish prize plate from Portsmouth to London.	84
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to take up vessels to carry down to the Essex in the Downs the boatswains' and carpenters' stores demanded for the Essex and 9 other ships named.	85

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Oct. 30	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill to Thos. Scott for 80*l.*, for purchase of the ground near Lambeth on which the State's barge houses are built.	86
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to certify,—on their letter touching a supply of stores to be sent to Dover for furnishing ships that shall come there—the state of the business, what they wish done there, and what person is fit to be employed therein, and at what salary.	87
,, ,,	Rich. Gerrard -	—	List of the 216 Spanish prisoners in Chelsea College, with the names of the ships they were taken from, and by whom.	88
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends particulars of the victualling. Arrival and departure of ships named, as also of convoys given to those bound to and from Bordeaux and Rochelle.	89
,, ,,	Capt. Ri. Hodges, *Basing, Milford.*	,,	Has been plying on his station, and had such high winds that when within 5 leagues of St. Ives, which is a lee shore, was forced to bear a fore and mizen sail to keep from going ashore, and they being soon after blown from the yards, was put in some danger. There being less wind afterwards, and the ship so leaky that the powder room was as wet as the deck, and wanting sails, cables, anchors, powder, and almost everything, came in, in hopes of obtaining an order to refit, but has received one, dated the 23rd inst., to transport Col. Walter's wife, which he will perform the first fair wind.	90
,, ,,	— Awdeley, *Ordnance Office.*	—	Account of contracts made with 6 powder makers named for supply of powder, together with the quantity received on each contract, and what has to be brought in.	91
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Penrose, *Maidstone, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Will convoy the ships in the Thames bound to Lister Deep in Holstein. Wrote Mr. Blackborne of the abuse he had from And. Coleman on account of pressing Wm. Whitfield, who then professed to be a seaman, and not a bricklayer. Seized on him for the service, and he refusing, Coleman came out, saying he was an officer, and would not suffer any to be pressed out of his home, rescued Whitfield, and, with the assistance of others, beat him and those who went to assist him, and turned them out. There was no combination between him and Hall to prejudice Coleman. Would not be so unworthy as to beat any man out of his possession. Has no concernment either with one party or the other, but if their Honours' warrants are slighted by one of their own officers, as Coleman pretends to be, doubts not but they will vindicate those whom they employ in the due execution of them.	92
,, 31	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	On a letter from Lieut.-Gen. Brayne to Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, dated Port Cagway, Jamaica, 28 January 1656–7,—that the Two Brothers and the Sapphire not having arrived with the provisions, and those who have arrived having fallen short of their bills of lading, he has been compelled to buy of the New England merchants trading to Jamaica, and has given them two bills of exchange on him for what he has had, amounting together to 1,059*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.* payable to Isaac Jonson, merchant, and Rich. Hicks;—Order that they examine such bills and make out one for the total amount due thereon. Noted that a bill was signed payable to Wm. Cox and Co. for 1,027*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.*	93, 94

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Oct. 31	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to take care that the Marston Moor has an extra supply of boatswains' and carpenters' stores and iron hoops, being bound on a voyage to the West Indies.	95
,, ,,	H. Ackworth, *Chatham.*	,,	Desires Elias Chandler may be appointed to perform his duty on board the Swiftsure until he recovers from his sickness, which he hopes will be shortly. Noted 10 days, 1 October.	96
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Curtes, *Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Arrived in the Downs yesterday, but wants men, and there are none to be had out of the fleet. Those appointed by Comr. Pett from the Naseby, after they received their pay, never entered themselves, but went for London; as he has none of their money in hand, doubts if they will come. Hopes some way will be taken for a supply of men, and also a minister.	97
,, ,,	Capt. Edw. Grove, *Roe ketch, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Is waiting for orders - - - - - - - - - - -	98
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	,,	The Portland and 2 others have sailed. Sent their letter to the commander of the Half Moon. The Weymouth pink has not been for a supply of cables. There are none of the State's ships now in port.	99
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Scarborough.*	,,	Sends a survey made by order of Gen. Monk of the defective provisions on board. Has received a fresh supply from the victualler.	100
,, ,,	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	,,	Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships, mustering of men, and receipts of stores, on 6, 8, 22, 28, and 29 October.	101–105
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Nov. 1	Capt. John Baskett, *Wakefield, Downs.*	,,	Has arrived in the Downs after much danger and difficulty, and will apply to the commander-in-chief for orders as to victualling, having had to borrow. The fishing is over.	1
,, 2	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	,,	The Wakefield being forced back, and the men having no victuals to keep them alive, and having drunk water for several days, gave them a supply, as also the Pembroke, who has got the Laurel's mast, but it is too big and too long, being 78 feet. Has also got two of the Fame's anchors, and 3 cables; her sheet anchor having no buoy is left behind, but will get boats to sweep for it. The fishing season is done. Has sent the Sparrow pink and the Acadia to the Maas with 14 or 15 sail of Newcastle and Boston men, and some of Yarmouth; those of Newcastle, being richly laden with cloth and lead, dared not venture without convoy. There is also a fleet bound for Bordeaux who desire one; if ordered, will provide them one to the Downs, and there are several ships at Bordeaux waiting for one to return. Particulars of ships.	2
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Curle, *Sparrow pink, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Was sent to Scotland with some convoys, and meeting with very bad weather his ship became very leaky; intended to lay her on shore in Scotland to find the cause, but there being many vessels there bound for Yarmouth committed to his charge, has deferred it until he receives their order.	3
,, ,,	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	Thos. Turner.	Account of ships preparing for sea at Deptford, how long they have been in rigging wages, and the number of men borne on each.	4

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Nov. 2	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Came in yesterday with 14 ships laden with lead, as also one from the East with hemp and flax upon their account, together with a great fleet of colliers. Has received their order for victualling at Hull, but having but three days' provisions left, if the wind still continues contrary, will be forced to go to Harwich. Has sent the Maria prize up to Deptford. Encloses his order to John Mills, her master, to carry her up. Is in great want of anchors, cables, sails, &c., which he supposes Major Burton will supply.	5, 6
„ 3	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for bills to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 4,000*l.* a week for 4 weeks, commencing the 2nd inst., for carrying on of the victualling affairs, on the new Declaration for the next year, according to orders from Majors Thomson and Bourne or Comr. Willoughby.	7
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to the same for 5,000*l.*, for discharge of debts due for provisions on the old Declaration for the last year.	8
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Hind ketch, now come up into the river, and for laying her up at Deptford.	9
„ „	Lieut.-Col. Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Has given the victualler's agent an order to victual the Pearl frigate, and inspected his remains, and finds he has one day's victuals for 1,400 men, all sweet and good. Will make a survey of Capt. Sansum's bad meat when he comes in.	10
„ „	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	The Pembroke, having spent her mainmast, has come in for another, which he will supply, and anything else she may require, as also the Weymouth pink with two cables.	11
„ „	Capt. Jno. Grove, *Harwich.*	„	Will get his ship refitted and victualled with all expedition, and desires orders - - -	12
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Arrival and departure and refitting of ships. Has given order to the marshal to liberate Lieut. Ja. Vanderveluer, and he has taken the parole of Rowland Anderson, with the engagement of a sufficient man, to free Jno. Clippitt, a prisoner in Dunkirk.	13
„ „	Wm. Hempson, *Rainbow.*	„	Sends the muster books of the Centurion and Nantwich, and will send musters of the whole fleet.	14
„ „	Capt. Ri. Rooth, the *Dartmouth, Gravesend.*	„	Has been to Rotterdam with Nich. Baxter, his Highness's Gentleman of Horse, for an Arabian horse, and Mr. Baxter having positive commands from his Highness to bring him up by water as far as he conveniently could, made for Gravesend. The frigate being very foul, and nearly out of provisions and stores, desires order therein, that he may return to his station.	15
„ „	Jno. Stainforth, Deputy-Marshal, *Chelsea College.*	„	Receipt for 4 Spanish prisoners from Capt. Rich. Country, of the Hind ketch, with a list of them.	16, 17
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *Essex, Downs.*	„	Arrival and departure of ships, with a list of the fleet. There has been a court of war to-day concerning the master of the Half Moon and the corporal of the Adventure.	18

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Nov. 3	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *Essex, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	Has sent up Thos. Parker's ketch which belonged to the London. Had orders to send in the Dunbar's ketch, but Parker being willing to come in and the other to stay out, the London has taken the men out of Parker's, and put in the Dunbar's, to bring the ketch to London, the Dunbar's men having their wages due. Will send a note of anchors and cables at Dover. There is great want of 3 pinnaces of 9 or 10 oars each, and a long boat for the London. Has sent several times to the Admiralty Commissioners about anchors, cables, &c., but fears he is forgotten.	19
„ 4	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to examine a bill of exchange drawn by Lieut.-Gen. Brayne, payable to Rich. Fuller, merchant of London, with the letters of advice, and make out a bill for what is due. Noted that 37*l.* 16*s.* was found due and paid.	20
„ „	„ - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order to prepare a list of all bills that have been signed and charged upon the treasurer since 1 Jan. last, and are yet unpaid.	21
„ „	Ambrose Bowne, Shipwright.	The Protector.	Petition for payment of 27*l.* due to Edw. Rawlins, his apprentice, who was employed on board the Marston Moor in her voyage to Jamaica, but which the Navy Commissioners decline to pay. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners to do what is just.	22
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Hopes the sailcloth has arrived at Deptford and given satisfaction; has still a considerable quantity, which he will send to Portsmouth or Deptford. Received their promise of withdrawing from the French trade and giving all encouragement to his makers, and they promise, when their contract has expired with Mr. Boswell of Bristol, who is willing to dispose of all the cloth he has, to make only the best sort, put by all former employers, and work only for the Navy Commissioners. Has drawn a bill of exchange upon them for 30*l.*, for 6 tuns of beer supplied to the Nonsuch, and 14 days' provisions to the Lark.	23
„ 5	Capt. Wm. Badiley, Sam. Raven, *Woolwich.*	Major N. Bourne,	Have viewed a place, and considered the dimensions of the workhouse to be built to lay rigging in, as also to serve it out; the carpenters' and bricklayers' work will amount to 55*l.*; the length to be 140 feet, breadth 20, and height 13.	24
„ „	Capt. Wm. Barker, the *Lizard, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station off the Severn, and having received notice from Major Ceely that a rogue of 8 guns in Mount's Bay had taken an Isle of Wight man, and that he would be found about Whitson Bay, went there and chased a galliot hoy, but lost her at night, and it blowing very hard, put into harbour. Is in great want of anchors, cables, and sails.	25
„ „	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Milford.*	„	After much difficulty through the foul weather, saw the fleet of barks safe into Waterford, and then went to Kinsale to clean and victual; leaving there, was forced into Cork by a storm, and afterwards into Youghall; has great cause to be thankful to God for delivering him from the dangers he would have undergone had he continued at sea. Made for Milford for provisions, but they could not be got on board until to-day, the wind blowing so hard; is now ready to resail.	26

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1657. Nov. 5	Geo. Dawson, Mayor of *Newcastle.*	Adm. Com.	Before the receipt of their letter, Capt. Wright had to apply to Capt. Toppin, Governor of Tynemouth Castle, for assistance in procuring an anchor and cable, which cost 70*l.* Has paid the amount, and drawn a bill upon them, payable to the Commissioners of Customs.	27
,, ,,	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Gluckstadt.*	,,	The weather becoming more favourable, the merchant ships have all laded, and come to Gluckstadt; will sail the first opportunity.	28
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Hope.*	,,	Has received their order to convoy some ships to Lister Deep in Holstein, and is about sailing for the Downs accordingly.	29
,, ,,	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *Essex, Downs.*	,,	Received a letter from Lord Montague for Capt. Cuttance to repair to London, Capt. Hayward to remove into the Essex, and himself into the London, which shall be as speedily done as weather permits, which at present is very bad, a vessel being cast away in the Downs yesterday. The Assistance has arrived from Dieppe with the Countess of Holland; has furnished the ship with a month's provisions out of the fleet, as she is going to Mardike. The victuals sent from Harwich for 100 men for 6 months were taken up by the George and Expedition, and those for 300 men for 3 months were sent for supply of the ships at Mardike, where they have only the victuals which were sent in the White Roach, which is in part of the ships of the 20 sail; has ordered the Wakefield 14 days' from Dover. As there are 7 vessels out of the West country bound for Rotterdam, will appoint the Foresight or Convert as a convoy. There is a very fresh gale with the wind at N. & W. At Mardike there is a great want of deals for their buildings.	30
,, 6	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^ and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Redhorse pink at Deptford - - - - - - - -	31
,, ,,	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	The man he employed to buy hemp expects to get 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.* worth, if there are not too many buyers, but will not engage to deliver so much at Norwich at 4*s.* a stone, and the charges from there will be 5*d.* a cwt., and then the carriage and warehouse hire from the ropers, if made at Yarmouth. If it is to be sent to London, can ship it at Lynn, or some port thereabouts, and save 20 per cent. in the carriage of it to Norwich from Lynn, and can deliver cordage at Yarmouth at from 33*s.* to 39*s.* a cwt. Desires a speedy answer, as if he does not soon employ this buyer, others of London and Ipswich will; if employed, he promises not to buy a pound's worth for any other man. Others may promise to deliver it cheaper, but he will trade for as little as any man, and deliver the best.	32
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Sends his accounts for victuals supplied to ships. Corn has been at 56*s.* and 58*s.* a quarter these 3 weeks, but is now falling. Capt. Grove sent for some bread and beer, but the wind changing fair, went without them.	33

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Nov. 6	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Elias, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	Wants a supply of sails from London or Dover - - - - - - - -	34
„ „	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail the first opportunity, but has been waiting since the 3rd inst. for a wind - - -	35
„ 7	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to suspend sending away the stores to the ships in the Downs as directed on the 29th ult., until further order.	36
„ „	Officers of the *Portland, Downs.*	Col. Clerke.	Complain of the commander, Capt. Powell, scandalizing the State, by openly stating upon deck that it was impossible for an honest man to live in the service upon his salary, and that he must shift for himself; and to make his actions confirm his words, meeting immediately afterwards with a Fleming between Calais and Dover, he sold him an anchor for 28 dollars, as also 2 cheeses. On coming to anchor in Dover Road, his anchor came foul of another of 29 cwt., supposed to have been lost by the Tredegar, or some other of the State's ships, which he caused to be recovered, and sold it at Harwich on his own account for 39*l.*	37
„ „	Capt. John Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Renews his application for a practical man to be sent down to survey the works upon the dry dock; is not satisfied with the man sent on Mr. Brewer's account, having expected more diligence and workmanship than he yet finds. The Nonsuch has left the harbour.	38
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	„	Is glad to hear the Andrew has arrived with the 8 bales of sailcloth, and will send the parcel now ready. Has acquainted the makers with their honours' resolutions to advance that manufacture, and hopes a considerable quantity will be now made. Has drawn a bill on them for 50*l.*, and hopes it will be met, as he will be disbursing 60*l.* a week, and must have money in cash.	39
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The Foresight has gone with a convoy to Holland, and Capt. Bevan of the Convert with 6 sail for Rotterdam, with order to bring back any ships that may come out within 24 hours. Hears from the Vice-Admiral that the small frigates on the coast of Flanders are spending their victuals apace, and he has none in the Downs to spare, and Capt. Sparling has not received his as yet. Has not had an opportunity of calling the commanders together about the master of the Half Moon, but will do so the first fair weather. Has appointed Jeffery Floyd as carpenter of the Hart pink.	40
„ 8	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Hull.*	„	Will lie on shore on Tuesday, and hopes to make quick dispatch, but not being in a safe condition as regards cables, anchors, or sails, having lost a cable in Yarmouth Roads, another off Hastings, and being forced to supply the prize he took, hopes for the safety of his frigate, and the lives of his company, they will order a supply.	41
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^rs	To similar effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	42
„ 9	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for a bill to Capt. Roger Cuttance, for his pay as Captain of the Naseby from the date of his commission to the 10th inst., he having been otherwise employed in the service since she was paid off.	43

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1657. Nov. 9	Thos. Blackmore -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a master's place, having so served for many years, and lastly in the Mary flyboat, under Captains Poyntz and Higginson, after which he was laid up with sickness, and the boat sold. With certificate by Capt. Saml. Higginson.	Vol. 174. 44, 45
„ „	Valentine Jowles -	„	Petition for employment as lieutenant, master, boatswain, or gunner, having served as master's mate in several of the State's ships; was in the war against Holland. With certificates of Captains Jos. Jordan, Robt. Clarke, Thos. Thompson, and 4 others.	46–48
„ „	Wm. Peake, David Yale, *Richmond.*	Col. Clarke.	Want an order to the Navy Treasurer to pay two bills of exchange for 359*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* and 1,969*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*, drawn by Lieut.-Gen. Brayne at Jamaica, for provisions received by him from New England, and made payable to them; the bills have passed the Council and Navy Commissioners. They do not so much concern themselves as some honest but poor men in New England, whose credit lies at stake in London, and who are expecting them to be paid according to the time mentioned. Yale is the bolder in troubling him, not being known to any of the Admiralty Commissioners, and having lost his only interest with them by the death of his brother, Edw. Hopkins, whose widow, his sister, was committed to his care, and is now living with him.	49
„ „	Capt. Rich. Rooth, the *Dartmouth, Gravesend.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is still waiting for his two months' provisions; asks whether, on receipt of them, he is to return to his station in Mardike Pitts.	50
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. The Nonsuch has gone to Cowes; supposes she has the money on board -	51
„ 10	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill to the Commissioners of Customs for 80*l.*, disbursed by Alderman Dawson, collector of Customs at Newcastle, for a cable and anchor supplied to the Fame.	52
„ „	Jno. Child (attending at the door).	Adm. Com.	Asks them to consider the greatness of the sum due to him by undertaking contracts when all others refused; that he was always the first to abate in price; that he lost 500*l.* in canvas bought for the State, but taken by the Dunkirkers, on which he had not insured a penny; and to order him a sum suitable to his extraordinary necessities.	53
„ „	Jas. Witham, late Surgeon of the *Speaker.*	„	Petition for payment of 35*l.*, disbursed by him in procuring additional medicaments for his company, after the engagement at Santa Cruz, there being there many sick and wounded men. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners. Also receipt by Chas. Bateman, his mate, for medicines from the Magazine Chests amounting to 2*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.*	54, 55

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1657. Nov. 10	Hen. Careless, master carpenter of the *Dunbar*.	—	Proceedings of a Council of War held on board the Dunbar, on the complaint of Capt. Jer. Smith, president and commander-in-chief, against Careless, for wilful neglect of duty in not driving out a plug for letting in water, and to clear out the well of the ship whereby two of the company, Wm. Chapman and Thos. Burbridge—the latter having a wife and 5 children—were suffocated; and others, in endeavouring to rescue them, nearly lost their lives, and were several hours before they recovered. The Court, in the absence of Capt. Jere. Smith, who retired for the time to avoid prejudice, found that Careless was guilty under the 32nd Article of the Laws and Ordinances of the Sea, viz., that no man shall neglect to perform the duty imposed on him, under a penalty of death, or a lesser punishment; but as there were extenuating circumstances, he was sentenced to be dismissed, and notice ordered to be given to the Admiralty Commissioners to appoint another in his place.	Vol. 174. 56
„ „	Capt. Rich. Potter, *President, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Received order from Sir Rich. Stayner to convoy some ships for Bordeaux, and to touch at Plymouth for victuals, but meeting with foul weather, put into the Isle of Wight; after taking in a month's provisions from Portsmouth, will proceed on his voyage.	57
„ „	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Vulture, Spithead.*	„	Has been plying on his station between the Maas and Yarmouth, and coming into Yarmouth Roads, was ordered by Major Burton to convoy 7 vessels to the Maas, but meeting with a sad storm, and spending his mainmast, was forced into the Texel. Since then, has fished his mast, refitted, and taken in 6 weeks' provisions, and having his full complement of men, intends putting to sea.	58
„ „	„ „	„	Hearing from Major Burton that some of his men have presented false written tickets, hopes they will be punished, particularly one Pike, and whose wife went to his wife for her to move him to grant her one, and because she could not prevail, she has abused both of them. Received some printed tickets before going to sea, and has used no others since.	59
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	„	The Assurance has gone to relieve the Vice-Admiral, and convoyed over 2 vessels with balks and deals for the service at Mardike. Particulars of ships. Had a council of war yesterday upon the corporal of the Adventure, for shooting a man; but as it was proved he did it by command of the master, he was acquitted. The business of the master of the Half Moon was also gone into, and although it was understood by the court that the complaint of the captain against him was more of malice than otherwise, yet as he was not free from blame, and it was thought good for the peace of the ship that he should be removed, he was dismissed, and sent on board the London, and the captain checked for his malice. There are 2 men, Crabb and Brown, in the London, who are fit for his place, and have been promised encouragement. Wants cables and boats for the supply of ships; desires that Josias Nicolls, chaplain in the Entrance, may be appointed to the London.	60

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1657. Nov. 11	Wm. Acworth, Sam. Raven, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	There was delivered out of the stores at Woolwich, on 8 Oct. last, to Geo. Martin, master of the Ann hoy of Colchester, for transportation to Mardike, 1,030 oak pallisadoes, from 10 to 13 feet long; and there being only a man and 2 boys aboard, another able seaman was sent for the voyage, to whom Martin was to pay 50*s.*, to be abated out of his freight. Have received a certificate from Lieut.-Col. White that it was the 3rd of Nov. before the hoy was cleared of her lading, and that she was 55 tons burden, all which is to be considered on the allowance of freight.	Vol. 174. 61
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will observe their order when the Sparrow pink returns from the Maas; believes she is not so leaky but that she can remain out until her provisions are spent. All the coal fleet is laid up in England, and there is little use for her to the northward, as all the trade from these roads is to Holland, London, and the Downs, will send her to and fro in this station, where she is much wanted. Has been solicited to ask for a convoy for a fleet bound to Bordeaux; as Capt. Robinson of the Preston is at Harwich, he might get ready by the time several Straitsmen are laden, when he could see them out of the Channel. The townsmen are forced to adventure their herrings in their own ships, as there are no buyers here; has sent two of his own ships to carry the herrings away. Has sent the price of hemp to the Navy Commissioners.	62
„ „	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Spithead.*	„	Has been cruising on his station, and now come in for provisions. Hears that Capt. Cary, with 2 other frigates, has left the station, and gone for Dunkirk.	63
„ „	Capt. Christ. Myngs	„	Desires they will examine the person who has re-arrested his purser, as it much prejudices the dispatch of his ship, and the business can only be solved by them.	64
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood.	„	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - - -	65
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Capt. Toppin, governor of Tynemouth Castle, and himself had engaged for an anchor and cable for 70*l.*, before their order arrived, and think they are well worth the money; if he had not had them, would have had to run his pink ashore, as the Mayor of Newcastle would do nothing without order. Is waiting an opportunity to take in his other cables and anchors, which he was forced to leave in the Roads, and which have all been recovered save about half a cable. As his provisions will be out on the 20th, will put into Harwich for order when to revictual.	66
„ 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to supply Capt. Robinson of the Preston, victualling at Hull, with such anchors, cables, sails, &c. from Harwich as he may require, he heing appointed one of the winter guard.	67
„ „	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe ketch, Hope.*	„	Has been on board, and as there are only 19 men, desires a press warrant; when he has completed his number, will proceed to his station. There are several vessels bound northward coming down.	68

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1657. Nov. 12	Capt. Peter Butler, *Satisfaction, Downs.*	Navy Com[rs]	After receiving Col. [Thos.] Temple and his company on board, sailed for Boston, New England, and then made for St. John's Fort and Port Royal, intending for Newfoundland; but meeting with violent storms, and getting short of provisions, returned for England; neither he nor his company are ashamed to speak of the goodness of the Lord in preserving them from such great dangers.	Vol. 174. 69
" "	Isabell Hall - -	"	Petition for exchange of her husband, William Hall, mate of the Diligence, and of Joseph Haddock, master, and his boatswain, who were taken by a Spanish man-of-war, and now prisoners at Vigo, Galicia, for 4 Spanish prisoners in Chelsea College, who are feeble and sick. Has 5 small famishing children. With certificate of John Stainforth, Deputy Marshal-General, that these are the 4 Spaniards, named, who were taken in the Virgin Mary, now prisoners in Chelsea College.	70, 71
" "	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	"	Has sent to Commissioner Pett for a pilot to carry the George up to Chatham, and would have taken out her provisions but for bad weather. Sent the packet for Mardike to Capt. Sparling, the Vice-Admiral having left the Downs; the Satisfaction has arrived from New England with the Deputy-Governor, who has gone for London. Has desired Capt. Clerke to spare the 20 men he had out of the Dunbar to the Newbury; sent an anchor and cable to the Assistance at Mardike. Desires order as to the gunner of the Newcastle, against whom the captain has made a complaint.	72
" 13	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	[Adm. Com.]	Has sent his friend into the country to buy all the best hemp as cheap as he can, but does not think there will be 200 tons; as it is bought in small quantities here and there for ready money, desires he may have some from the collectors of customs and excise at Lynn. Asks whether to procure Holland cordage, as he supplied it last year as cheap and good as any man could. Has sent several receipts for things delivered, but received no answer; if the collectors at Lynn have orders to pay money at Lynn to his order, it will do. The Fame is shipping her anchors and cables.	73
" "	Capt. Edm. Curle, *Sparrow pink, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed some vessels to the Maas, and coming back, being leaky and wanting a cable and water, put into Harwich; when supplied, will return to his station, but cannot stop the leak till ordered on shore.	74
" "	Capt. Robt. Henfield, *Acadia, Harwich.*	"	Has been waiting on the Yarmouth fishermen; then convoyed several ships for Holland by order of Major Burton, and being now out of provisions, has come in for orders.	75

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1657.				Vol. 174.
Nov. 13	Rich. Foote, late master's mate of the *Nantwich*.	—	Deposition before Col. Clerke, Major-Gen. Kelsey, and Major Beake, that he got out of the galleon which the Speaker took 3 cakes of gold, weighing 6 lbs., which he sold to Capt. Jno. Jefferies for 105*l*., 50*l*. whereof he received in hand, and a bond for 55*l*. more payable in England, which he has not yet got, but may receive when he likes. The bond was drawn and signed by Capt. Jefferies on board the frigate, before the gold was seized in Capt. Jefferies' cabin; heard that the reason for searching the Nantwich was on account of the taking of a Fleming which came from Santa Cruz. At the search, besides the gold taken away, he lost 257 dollars, and the captain and lieutenant lost some. Heard that John Herbert, and one Woodford, 2 others of the ship's company, also had some gold out of the galleon, which they sold to Capt. Jefferies.	76
,, ,,	Capt. Peter Mo'ham, *Downs*.	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Margate Road with a convoy bound for the Maas on the 2nd instant, but meeting with violent storms, was forced to anchor off the Texel, where he rode until the 9th inst.; since then, has been beating up to get to the Downs. Met the Vulture, also bound for the Maas.	77
,, ,,	Edw. Sandford, Deputy-Marshal, *Chelsea College*.	,,	Certifies, at request of Eliz. Harris, widow, that Martin Cotes, of Capt. Jacobson's shallop, the Mary of Dunkirk, is a prisoner in the College.	78
,, 14	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to receive the prize brought up to Deptford by Jno. Mills, master's mate of the Preston, which was taken by her; to pay the wages due to him and his company to the 16th inst., and to desire Major Neh. Bourne to view the prize, and certify whether she is fit to be employed as a man-of-war.	79
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to take care, on the coming in and paying off of any ship, that all printed tickets remaining in the captains' hands be demanded, before the captains receive their wages, and with the duplicates in the Navy Office, burnt in the presence of the Commissioners, so as to prevent any fraud or deceit by suffering them to remain in the captains' hands, after they are paid off and discharged. Also to demand the like of Capts. Blyth and Edw. Grove, and the chief officer of the Dover.	80
,, ,,	Wm. Billers, *Ordnance Office*.	[Adm. Com.]	Account of guns, carriages, and stores brought from Mardike in Thos. Starland's and Rich. Wilkins' hoys.	81
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich*.	,,	Arrival and departure of ships. The commander of the Adventure sent his boat on shore for a pilot to carry him and his convoy to Zilt Island, but neither Ipswich nor Harwich would afford one.	82
,, ,,	Jno. Greene, *Deptford*.	Thos. Turner.	The rate allowed to blockmakers at Deptford for working lignum vitæ into shvers is 3*d*. per pound	83
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth*.	Adm. Com.	Sailing of the President and other ships for Cowes - - - - - -	84

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1657. Nov. 15	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Returns a letter for Capt. Bowrey, he having sailed to the Downs. Has manned the Marston Moor, but she and the Dartmouth are waiting for their provisions. The parcel came to some mischance by the post, being very wet when received.	Vol. 174. 85
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Will proceed to the Rolling Grounds for his provisions as ordered, and use all expedition to sail. Before sailing to the North Seas, sent some of his men to weigh his lost anchor and cable without effect, but recovered those at Yarmouth; the cable being unserviceable, hopes to meet with another.	86
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Bridlington Bay.*	„	Has been plying on his station, and meeting Capt. Wright of the Fame, supplied him with a stream cable. Having been in several storms, and his ship so leaky that the pumps will scarcely keep her free, and having only 20 days' provisions left, desires orders.	87
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, *London, Downs.*	„	Sends an account of the fleet. Capt. Potter, of the Great President, sailed the 25th ult. Has ordered all the victuals in the Triumph and Entrance into the Elias and Half Moon, for transportation to Mardike; if there should be occasion to take any more from the ships, it would be best to put it on board those appointed for the winter guard, as the weather being often bad, it takes much time transporting it from one ship to another.	88
„ 16	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Gen. Edw. Montague for his pay, &c., as one of the generals of the fleet, from the time he was last paid up to the present.	89
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	Wants the extra workmen retained until the end of the month, so as to forward the work on the second-rate ship.	90
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Supplied the captain of the small frigate which Capt. Robinson took with beer and provisions; but he has since sailed without giving the receipt promised. A great fleet ready at Bordeaux and Rochelle requires a convoy, and there are several ships at Yarmouth bound for Bordeaux and the Straits, who also desire one to see them through the Channel.	91
„ „	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter.*	„	Has been plying on his station, convoyed several vessels to their ports, and received 49 days' provisions, by order of Major Wm. Burton.	92
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	„	Hears the President was first bound to Plymouth, to take in provisions, and then to go with the convoy for Bordeaux, so that the stay at Portsmouth was unexpected, and only by contrary winds.	93
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Humber.*	„	Having sprung a leak in a very great storm off Flamborough Head, and received much damage in the powder and bread rooms; came in to repair, and will resail the first fair wind. Hopes they will be mindful of him for a remove.	94
„ „	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Weymouth Road.*	„	Sailed out of the Needles on the 14th, with several vessels bound over and westward, and is now waiting for Ensign Meeche and the other vessels bound over.	95

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Nov. 17	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine the account of Capt. Robt. Vessey, of money disbursed for taking out and bringing on board the guns, carriages, and anchors of the Constant Warwick, when she was put on shore at Ordiane, in France, and to make out a bill for what is due.	96
„ „	„ - -	„	They are to give notice to the victualling ships bound to Jamaica to attend the motion of the Marston Moor, appointed as their convoy; their invoices and bills of lading to be consigned to Lieut.-Gen. Brayne or the commander-in-chief of the forces there.	97
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Triumph, George, and Entrance, as soon as they arrive at Chatham.	98
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *George, Queenborough.*	Adm. Com.	Arrived last night, and will get up to Chatham with all speed. Has given the purser order to perfect his books.	99
„ „	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Hope.*	„	Has safely arrived with his convoy; his victuals being nearly expended, has sent up his lieutenant for orders.	100
„ „	Christ. Pett, Sam. Raven, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Have surveyed the defects of the smith's forge in the Yard, and estimate that it can be made good for 6*l.* 10*s.* They are much straitened for want of more fires; there should be another structure at the back of the old forge, 40 feet long and 16 broad, to have one great fire for bolts and 2 small ones for lesser work, which will cost 63*l.* Noted that the Commissioners will consider this on the place next Tuesday.	101
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	The George has arrived at her moorings, and the pilots are gone down to bring up the Triumph and Entrance; they should be paid off at Chatham. Asks directions about other ships.	102
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Thos. Turner.	Reminds him of the memorandum he took respecting the lignum vitæ, and hopes he will move the Commissioners as to what price will be given, being willing to dispose of it.	103
„ „	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Vulture, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in with 4 convoys from Yarmouth, by order of Major Burton. When on the Holland coast, had some of his anchors and cables—lost in the storms, and recovered by the Flemings,—offered to him for 80 guilders, but thought it too much; on informing Major Burton thereof, he promised to write them. Never gave a written ticket to any of his men, and received a supply of printed ones last March.	104
„ „	Capt. Jas. Strutt, *Half Moon, Downs.*	„	Is ready to sail for Mardike with the provisions, but wants a master; is sorry if he has been misunderstood in recommending a man; is in no way related to him, but he has been diligent in forwarding the ship's business.	105
„ 18	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages of the officers and company of the Assurance, on her arrival at Deptford	106

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1657. Nov. 18	Thos. Bendish, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	At the request of a friend, proposed to furnish the State with a considerable quantity of cordage, upon such terms as were cheaper than they had formerly been supplied, and better; it might have been a great provocation to another to render him odious, and to carry on a design for future profit, and to justify himself for former matters. Values no such calumniation, and seeks no employment so mean, having enough to provide for his family; had he gone on with the business, has as good an estate to engage for its performance as he that reproached him, and may be as able as a lad of 20 or 21, who managed most of that sort of business at Yarmouth last year. If he propounded reasonable rates, better make, and is ready and able to give security for performance, it will tend little to any man's credit to say he is no better than a fool in such things, for if a fool does better than a wise man, it will not speak him very honest.	Vol. 174. 107
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	108
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Has not yet been informed how the cloth is approved of, or whether to treat with those who contracted with Mr. Boswell, of Bristol, last year; believes he could now engage with them to furnish the State with all they make. What is to be done must be speedily effected, or Boswell will engage them for another year; he has acquainted the sailcloth makers that he has contracted, for what he can procure, with Mr. Tyler of London, the State's sailmaker, who is to furnish the State with it again, and that he gives 18*d.* a yard on the place, and sends it by land, which costs another 1*d.* per yard; and if Boswell gets but ½*d.* per yard for his particular, it must needs stand Tyler 19½*d.*, and therefore does not think their Honuors will be drawn to buy third hand, when it is to be had at first. Hearing from Dan. Arthur of London, that his bill upon them is not complied with, desires that when he has occasion to draw bills on them, they may be punctually paid, otherwise will not find anyone that will furnish him. If it be taken up at Weymouth of the customs' money, it may be nothing to the Commissioners of Customs to wait for it, but for merchants that depend upon it at their day, to satisfy their foreign bills, it must be punctually paid, or they may receive great prejudice. Is in disburse weekly 50*l.* for the commodity, and waits an opportunity to dispatch away a good quantity.	109
„ „	Capt. Valentine Tatnell, *Adventure, Rolling Grounds.*	Adm. Com.	Parted from his company on the 15th, and sailed near to the Holland coast, but meeting with easterly winds, was forced to bear up and come to anchor. Hears that no one will take charge of his ship to carry her into the Deeps, in regard of the shoals about 7 leagues off, so asks orders.	110

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1657.				Vol. 174.
Nov. 18	John Wright and 4 other churchwardens and overseers of *Stepney*.	Adm. Com.	Certify that Anne, widow of Thos. Holmes, of Stepney, co. Middlesex, having nothing wherewith to maintain herself and her two children, they are exposed to much hardship and miserable penury, and are deserving of the consideration and assistance of the charitably disposed.	111
„ „	Sir Ri. Stayner, the *London*, [*Downs.*]	„	Arrival and departure of ships. There is no charge as yet against the gunner of the Newcastle, but if any comes, it shall be heard at a Court of War. Has had exceeding bad weather.	112
„ 19	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order, on their report of 27 July last on the petition of the owners of the Levant Merchant, which was lost in the service of the State, and for which they were allowed 1,957*l.*, claiming 300*l.* more for extra provisions put on board by them, that the Navy Commissioners examine further proofs touching the value of the provisions on board at the time she was lost.	113, 114
„ „	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich*.	Adm. Com.	Delivered their letter to Capt. Tatnell, and will send that for the commander of the Sparrow to Yarmouth. Repair, victualling, and sailing of ships.	115
„ „	Capt. Jno. Grove -	„	Sends a certificate in favour of Robt. Rose, late minister of the Pembroke - - -	116
„ „	Rich. King -	„	Engagement that if the release of Emanuel de Gamarra does not effect his exchange for Josias Goddard, King will not trouble the Committee further.	117
„ „	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Plymouth Sound*.	„	On his return from Newfoundland, granted his surgeon, Mr. Burton, his discharge, by consent of Capt. Hatsell, and entered And. Wakeham in his place; as he has been at great charge in fitting his chest, desires an order to Surgeons' Hall to send down his warrant, and order him his free gift and impress money.	118
„ „	Capt. Valentine Tatnell, jun., *Adventure, Rolling Grounds*.	„	Is glad that he is not going on the coast or into harbour, and will discharge himself from the Adventure, which will not sail for 17 days, having to revictual, &c. The pilot they mentioned has gone in another ship.	119
„ 20	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth*.	Navy Com^rs	As he is buying hemp as fast as he can, wants money, or will not keep his credit; asks whether it is to be wrought at London or Yarmouth, or how much at either place, that he may order the bringing of it to Norwich or Lynn.	120
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth*.	Adm. Com.	Is sorry to hear that his bills for 800*l.*, long since disbursed, were not ordered to be paid this week; hopes they will be next week, being much straitened, and it being his own money, long since laid out to carry on the service, which he supposes is the case of only a few that serve them. Particulars of the refitting, stations, and employment of ships named as convoys, &c. A great Dutch ship from Norway, which was freighted by a merchant of Plymouth, ran aboard the Fagons in coming in, and carried away her mizen mast, which, with other damage, will cost 10*l.*	121

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1657. Nov. 20	Cap. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com[rs]	Thanks for the letter sent to the Commissioners for Prize Goods to pay him half what is due, and hopes the rest will be suddenly satisfied, as he has small encouragement to disburse his own money, and the service is more than a burden. None of the frigates stayed one hour for anything that his money or credit could procure in order to their dispatch. Is sorry to hear of the losses, but they are further off than 40 leagues, within which compass few vessels have been taken for a long time. Hears that 5 weeks since 4 ships of Dartmouth and 2 of Plymouth were taken off the coast of Portugal, which has made many a sad heart in those parts; has often said that unless some frigates were appointed to ply on the coast of Portugal, it would be impossible to secure the trade of this nation in those parts, which is of no small concern. Has refitted the Constant Warwick, Sorlings, and Fagons, and hopes they will endure the winter's tumbling. The Fagons, through the carelessness of a Dutch skipper, has received some prejudice; will repair the defects and send an account, and asks if he shall cause the Dutch ship to be arrested for the damage; she pumps very sorely in the Road, but the wind is so hard at north-east that if it were to save ship, lives, and all, they are not able to weigh and turn into port. 6 of the Holland men-of-war are still at Plymouth, and others have been forced into Falmouth.	Vol. 174. 122
„ „	Peter Robartes -	Adm. Com.	Warrant from Generals Robt. Blake and E. Montague, 27 Aug. 1656, appointing him chaplain to the Centurion in her then expedition; certificate by Capt. Anth. Spatchurst, 20 Nov. 1657, that he served in her under him for 2 years, and by Thos. Maynard, English consul at Lisbon, and Zach. Cradock, that he preached before them and several English merchants there on Sunday, 21 Oct. 1667, with good approbation.	123–125
„ 21	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to confer with Vice-Adm. Goodson as to the quantity of anchors and cables necessary for the Dartmouth, and other vessels which are to remain during the winter on the Flemish coast, and to make the necessary supply, utilizing those sent by Sir Rich. Stayner from the Downs.	126
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Pitt for 30*l.*, for his services in the Downs under the respective commanders-in-chief for ¾ of a year, being his pay upon the sea book.	127
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to examine the accounts of Rich. Browne, of Pembroke, for tallowing the Lizard, and make out a bill for what is due.	128
„ „	Wm. Badiley - -	„	Asks an order for Eliot, house carpenter at Woolwich, to receive money for payment of his men engaged upon works there.	129
„ „	Capt. Tho. Bowry, *Roe ketch, Queenborough Swaile.*	Adm. Com.	Has been forced in with his convoy and 10 sail by a storm, but will ply to his station, and see the Starling hoy, bound to Harwich with cordage for the service, safe into port.	130
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	Desires order to Cadbery, the mast maker, to make the masts required for the 2nd-rate ship building in the Yard at Woolwich, as she will be ready for launching the beginning of the year.	131

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Nov. 21	Geo. Pley, *Dorchester.*	[Navy Treasurer.]	Drew 2 bills of exchange on him for 30*l.* and 50*l.*, but one, payable to Dan. Arthur, having been returned unpaid, is very much troubled, for his whole dependance was on punctual payment of his bills. As the poor countrymen must be weekly supplied, has returned the bill to Arthur, with the hope that it will be promptly met; as he is a merchant, he depends upon payment of one bill to meet another. Can procure a quantity of good beef at 18*s.* per cwt. and pork at 26*s.*	132
„ „	„ „	„	To like effect. Urges payment of his bills for sailcloth, having now brought that manufacture to a pretty good issue, at 50*l.* charge weekly, which he pays as the goods are brought in, so that if his bills are not better satisfied, the business must fall, as also his credit with those he is engaged with. Takes up the money of the merchants, who depend upon it in London to pay their foreign bills, and who are not accustomed to be disappointed. Has 12 packs ready for a convoy to Deptford.	133
„ 22	Capt. Robt. Henfield, the *Acadia.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends 2 muster books - - - - - - - - - - -	134
„ „	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Pearl, Humber.*	Adm. Com.	Is waiting for a wind to convoy Capt. Anderson and his soldiers to Hamburg - - -	135
„ „	Capt. Rich. Rooth, the *Dartmouth, Hope.*	Navy Com^rs	Has sent up his boatswain for cordage and ground tackle necessary for the winter season -	136
„ 23	„ „	Adm. Com.	To like effect. Col. Crompton will put on board as many of the soldiers as can be transported for Mardike, as soon as the stores have been shipped.	137
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Downs.*	„	Wants cables, having so damaged those he has in the late storm that they are not to be trusted -	138
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bowrey, *Drake, Rye.*	Navy Com^rs	While riding in Mardike Pitts, was forced to let slip his anchors and cables in a storm, and make for the Ness, and afterwards to Rye, but will return to his station and recover them. Having given a bill for 5*l.*, for supplies for the ship, desires it may be paid and placed to his account.	139
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	140
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends copy of his letter of the 13th as to the purchase of hemp, and asks to draw money for payment from the Commissioners of Customs at Lynn. Does not believe there will be 200 tons obtained in the country, but will do his best; asks whether it is to be sent to London or Yarmouth. Has put all the Fame's anchors and cables on board, and she has gone for Harwich, and has sent to Holland for those belonging to the Vulture, which were taken up and carried over there.	141

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Nov. 23	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will get a receipt from the purser of the Preston when she arrives. Has given Capt. Curle a letter to a friend to furnish him with money to pay for the Vulture's anchors and cables. There is a report that 34 sail of Hollanders have fought 11 of our frigates and sunk the Sapphire. Asks whether to send the State's ships to Holland.	142
„ „	Capt. Edw. Grove, *Lynn.*	„	Hopes they will consider the maliciousness and wickedness of his accusers, and the advantages they took to do him hurt by their false articles exhibited; had previously admitted that part of the articles about being long on shore, but it was through sickness and waiting for his convoys; hopes they will pardon all offences and give him further employment; would rather have chosen death than displeased them and those who recommended him.	143
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Delivered their letters to Capts. Myngs and Rooth. The latter sent his boatswain to attend the Navy Commissioners, and Capt. Myngs went up to-day. The Assurance has sailed for Deptford and the Vulture from the Hope, according to orders.	144
„ „	Hen. Powell, the *Portland, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	As Mr. Somerland, his late surgeon, sent in his resignation to the masters of Surgeons' Hall, they have appointed Robt. Taunton in his place, and desired him to certify the Commissioners thereof.	145
„ 24	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station, and convoying vessels up and down the Swinn. Will come up for Deptford when his provisions are exhausted, but has yet 35 days' left.	146
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to determine the accounts of the governors of Watermen's Hall for impressing men, it being certified that the charges are very high, and that many of the men never appeared on board, which has caused a stop to be put thereon.	147
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Capt. Rich. Kingdon and Thos. Hayter for 17*l.* 11*s.*, disbursed in travelling to and from Dean Forest to examine the accounts of Major Wade, for the management of the ironworks there for the last year; as also for 10*l.* for their care and pains.	148
„ „	Capt. Jno. Lambert	Adm. Com.	After attending them several times, at much trouble and expense, for a share in the ship taken by him while drifting at sea, hears that nothing is allowed him; fearing they have not been properly informed, reminds them that when found, she had 3 shots under water, much water in her hold, and was sinking; that he went on board of her himself, and after much difficulty, stopped her leaks sufficiently to bring her home; that he and his company had much care and trouble therein, and that he was at great loss of time and expense in her adjudication in the Admiralty Court, but could not stay the issue, being ordered to Jamaica.	149
„ „	Thos. Margetts, *Somerset House.*	Major-Gen. Kelsey and Major Beake.	Desires they will hear a poor man's petition, and cause an officer or two of the fleet to pay him what they owe, or give him liberty to take his course at law against them. He will satisfy them of the justness of the debt, and would rather have it without than by law.	150

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1657. Nov. 24	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston*, *Hull*.	Navy Com^rs	Not having any printed tickets, on discharging the men of the Maria prize, gave them written ones, but has since received a supply of printed tickets, and orders from Mr. Blackborne not to give written ones for the future. Having orders to go to Harwich for a recruit of stores, wants a boat. The Pearl is waiting to convey soldiers over sea, and the Weymouth pink is bound for Scotland.	Vol. 174. 151
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	Received the 50 printed tickets. Has desired the victualler to hasten his provisions, but they will not all be ready for a few days.	152
,, ,,	John Redwood	Adm. Com.	Petition to continue master of the Taunton, or be removed to a better ship. Was in the Naseby in the expedition to Spain, and made master of the Tredagh by the generals, but was ruptured in the engagement at Santa Cruz, and obliged to come home as master of the Taunton, but is now recovered. With certificate of Capt. Jno. Stoakes, Capt. John Poyntz, and 13 other commanders at Lisbon, that he was discharged the service through a rupture, and that he has a great family and is wholly destitute, and they recommend him for employment on shore.	153, 154
,, 25	Thos. Bendish, *Yarmouth*.	,,	Feared the reproaches cast upon him might blast his honest intentions and proposals about making cordage, sent to one of the Navy Commissioners at his desire, which he communicated to the rest, but concealing the writer's name; they, however, concluded he was the man, and rejected them as despicable, like their author, although he was a stranger to all of them except the one to whom they were sent. It seems strange that gentlemen of their quality should despise such light on a bare report, without enquiring into the truth. Discovered therein the mystery of the trade, and the cause which imbased English ropes, and how cheap they might be afforded, which is, according to the price of the best hemp this year, 2*s.* 8*d.* cheaper than last year, so that he could furnish ropes at 37*s.* per cwt., giving 1*s.* per cwt. to the workmen more than they had last year, that they might dress the hemp better and so spin it fine, whereby the cordage will be 5*s.* or 6*s.* per cwt. better, and if hemp got cheaper, he would abate the ropes. Will not apply again to the Navy Commissioners and beg an employment until he has more need of it, nor would he accept it should they now offer it, were it not out of respect to the State, and lest it should be said he proposed more than he dared undertake. Has now trusts that are chargeable, but none profitable; is content with what he has, knowing there is a blessing in it, and only covets to be esteemed. The best Holland ropes may now be afforded at 41*s.* 4*d.* per cwt., and if they be laid in the warehouse at Yarmouth, they will increase in weight 4 or 5 per cwt. in a short time, so as to bring them under 40*s.*, but English ropes will not do so, though they will lose nothing.	155
,, ,,	Wm. Hempson, *Lynn*.	[Navy Comrs.]	Sends the muster books of some ships which have come home; has ordered the pursers of others to complete and send two each, one for themselves and the other for the Treasurer.	156

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Nov. 24	Capt. Jno. Vasey, *Beaver, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	It blowing very hard when proceeding to his station off the North Foreland, was forced to bear up and come to anchor in the small Downs; but the storm increasing, one of his cables gave way, and being upon a lee shore, was dubious of the other coming home, so for better security of themselves and frigate, cut their mainmast by the board, and so rode until last Saturday, and then his other anchor coming home, was forced to cut and leave his two anchors behind, with a great part of their cables, and a slip buoy at one of them; had the cables proved according to the anchors, the frigate would have rode out the storm. It being late at night, could not get into Dover by reason of the storm, which caused a great breach of the sea there, but has since arrived at Portsmouth with much difficulty, and with a week's provisions.	157
„ 25	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	„	The Beaver having been forced out of the Downs by extremity of weather, cut her mainmast by the board, and left her anchors behind, and has come into this port. Is fitting a mast, but desires order as to tallowing and revictualling.	158
„ „	Dr. Wal. Walker, *Doctors' Commons.*	„	Received their order to attend them to-morrow; but it being the latter end of term, and the Court of Probate sitting to-morrow, and he engaged in several causes which would much suffer by his absence, desires they will excuse him till after term, or till next Saturday.	159
„ 26	Capt. Edw. Blagge, *Triumph, Swale, near Queenborough.*	„	Had orders on the 16th inst. to sail from the Downs to Chatham, but up to the 24th, was delayed by weather, then left with the Entrance and Satisfaction; the former is still with him.	160
„ „	Capt. Rich. Rooth, *Dartmouth, Hope.*	„	Upon receipt of 4 of the captured soldiers from Col. Crompton, and the overplus of ground tackle, intended to sail for Mardike, but receiving their order for convoying the Fortune flyboat and a small hoy with provisions for the State, will fall down to Lee Road and wait for them.	161
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to sign a ticket sent for William Clymer, servant to Jno. Wade, late boatswain of the Forester, notwithstanding the ship's books are not returned.	162
„ „	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their letters to the commanders of the Adventure, Fame, and Acadia. The Fame is on shore tallowing, but the others are riding within Landguard Fort for safety during the bad weather.	163
„ „	Lieut. Thos. Strey, *Entrance, Medway.*	„	As he hopes to get up to Chatham to-morrow, desires order as to the disposal of the ship and her company.	164
„ „	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Lisbon.*	Rich. Hutchinson	Order having come for 10 sail to stay out for further service and the rest to go home, and the commander-in-chief desiring he should stay with him, has been removed into the Tredagh, and the commander-in-chief has gone into the Lyme. Sends the names of 6 men that came out of the James into the Tredagh with him and have since run, and as they had tickets for the time they served in the James, desires he will stop payment of them.	165
„ 27	David Leere - -	Adm. Com.	Begs payment of his ticket for service in the Unicorn in the Straits, being turned over into the George. With reference of the petition to the Navy Commissioners and certificate by Capt. Rob. Clarke of his service.	166, 167

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Nov. 27	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to appoint a person to receive 4 fowling-pieces from the Ordnance officers, and carry them with the wherry appointed for a sentinel boat to ride within the Splinter, to the commander-in-chief in the Downs.	168
„ „	Capt. Wm. Barker, the *Lizard, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Will repair to Plymouth to revictual as ordered, and then return to his station - - -	169
„ „	Capt. Jeremy Country, *Greyhound, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Has been plying off Scilly, but has been forced in through extremity of weather. His ship being leaky, is forced to keep the pumps continually going. Wants tickets.	170
„ „	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Milford.*	„	Has come in for provisions, and will then return to his station - - - - - -	171
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Capt. Elliott has come in for a new mizenmast, lost in chasing a Biscay man-of-war, who much damaged his rigging and sails with shot, and wounded two of his men, one of whom has since died. He met a great fleet of Dutch ships from Bordeaux and Rochelle, one of which reported that the Constant Warwick had taken a Biscaneer of 10 or 12 guns, and was at St. Martin's. Capt. Country also spoke a great Dutch ship, laden with salt from Rochelle, which had sprung a leak and was in great distress, but he could not assist her owing to the storm. Her skipper told him that 3 of his consorts had foundered. Desires payment of 800*l.*, disbursed in carrying on the service. Particulars of ships.	172
„ „	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Milford.*	„	After leaving Plymouth, was forced by a storm into Ireland, and not finding victuals at Kinsale, or any order from the Council, made for Milford to revictual and tallow, and will return to Dublin for orders.	173
„ 28	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Leith Road.*	„	Has been ranging upon the Scotch and English coast, but not heard anything of the enemies' ships. Received order to convoy a fleet bound for London and Newhaven with salmon and salt, but was forced back by the storm, which has been exceeding bad. It is reported that a Holland man-of-war of 30 guns has been cast away about the May or Bass Island, and a flyboat in the Firth took up a piece of the combing of the grating of an upper deck, which was half a foot longer than his own.	174
„ „	Rowlif Corten -	—	Deposition before Captains Robert Storey and Willoughby Hannam at Lisbon, that the Prince William, of which he was master's mate, and all the goods in her, were Spanish, and although pretended to be for Madeira, she was bound for Teneriffe, and after her discharge there, she was to proceed in the service of Spain, and such of her crew as would not serve the Spaniard were to take their passage on some English or Dutch vessel for their own country.	175
„ „	Elizabeth Harris -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the exchange of her son John Harris, a seaman taken by the Spaniards, and now a sick prisoner at Ostend, for Martin Coates, of Ostend, belonging to the Mary of Dunkirk, taken by the Hawk ketch near Rye, and now a prisoner in Chelsea College. With certificate by John Stainforth, deputy-marshal, that Coates is a prisoner in the College.	176, 177

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1657. Nov. 28	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Understanding that his bills on the Navy Commissioners have not been paid, after being days overdue, desires they will see that they are paid for the future, as the sailcloth makers are poor countrymen, to some of whom he has to advance money to carry on the business, and the rest must be paid on delivery of the goods. Having taken them from their old customers, and caused them to alter their looms and materials to make only the best sort, it will be a pity if they are not encouraged and the manufacture kept up. The Commissioners of Customs at Lyme and Weymouth should be ordered to supply him with money, the receipts at Weymouth being too small. A merchant of Bristol contracted with several of the sailmakers for all they could make during the year, and made them give a bond for performance; the time will shortly expire, and then can put them by and supply the State with 100 or 150 bolts per month, but the makers must be encouraged, or they will enter into fresh contracts with Bristol.	Vol. 174. 178
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Com^rs	To similar effect. Has had no convoy nor opportunity of late to send away what lies ready -	179
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Humber.*	Adm. Com.	After waiting 16 days, has got some of his provisions on board; will be forced to take half his bread at Harwich. Will take the first wind to get to sea.	180
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	,,	Has supplied the Beaver with a new mainmast and made good her rigging, and when order comes for her revictualling, will give her all dispatch. The gates of the dry dock will be placed in a few days; hopes it will soon be ready to entertain one ship.	181
,, 30	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order to hire a ketch to attend the squadron before Dunkirk and Mardike, and send her away with all speed, for such service as Capt. Sparling shall appoint.	182
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	The Adventure has sailed with her convoy, and the Fame is ready for her provisions - -	183
,, ,,	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Has not entered supernumeraries mentioned on board the Marston Moor, as the muster books sent will show that 188 men were mustered and 29 pricked, which make 217, being under the number. It is very rare that any ship completes her number at Chatham. Will be careful for the future, but has nothing from the office to guide him. The Entrance is at her moorings, and the Triumph on board the Resolution, whose books he has despatched to the Treasury Office.	184
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Portland Road.*	Adm. Com.	Is still detained by the wind, and when it did present, the vessels he was to convoy were in Weymouth harbour, and are still there, whereas if they had been in the Road, it would have ended the business, and he might have delivered the money and provisions for Jersey, gone to St. Malo for the ships bound for England, and been where he now is. Considering the time of the year, and the winds, it would be best to go to St. Malo for the vessels there, prosecute the first part of his order, and send Capt. Ladge of the Lark as convoy to the two vessels bound for Morlaix; can meet him at St. Malo.	185

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1657.				Vol. 174.
Nov. 30	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich Water.*	Adm. Com.	Has tallowed, is taking in guns and provisions, and will hasten to his former station. Desires order about his boatswain, who neglected his duty at Tynemouth for 11 days, and for 8 at Harwich, and if it had not been for his own trouble, this would have hindered the dispatch.	186
,,	Thos. White, *Dover.*	Navy Com^rs	As he cannot obtain payment of his last quarter's account, and is forced to pay ready money to several men, has taken up 300*l.*, and desires his bill at 8 days may be paid, as it will save 12*s.* 6*d.* postage per 100*l.* His account this quarter is 452*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*, and on the last is due 1818*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*, which makes moneyless men at Dover.	187
,,	Jno. Fyffe, surgeon, and 3 other officers of the *Roe ketch.*	,,	Ten articles of complaint against Capt. Edw. Grove, their commander, for neglect of duty, drunkenness, blasphemy, and incompetency, and threatening to throw Gearing and his warrant appointing him carpenter overboard.	188
Nov.	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships, and the victualling, mustering, and discharging of their men during the month.	189–194
				Vol. 175.
Dec. 1	Martha, widow of Thos. Crawley.	,,	Petition for payment of the wages due to her late husband and his servant for the time they served in the Hound at Jamaica, which was until she was disabled and converted into a hulk, when they entered the Arms of Holland, which being blown up, they lost their lives. Is left in a deplorable condition, with 2 children. With reference to the Navy Commissioners to pay what shall be found due, and note that a bill was made out.	1
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order—upon extracts of letters from Lisbon and Wyers Bay complaining of the straits to which the fleet is put for want of being better stored, and especially of the badness of the sailcloth supplied from the stores at Portsmouth, and the great want of sails and cables—to have a survey of the remainder of the canvas there, and make a strict enquiry whether any connivance or fraudulent practice has been used by the storekeeper or other officer, in receiving goods not according to contract.	2, 3
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to enter John Uthwat as Clerk of the Survey at Deptford, with the same salary, &c., as enjoyed by his predecessor, Geo. Kendall.	4
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to enter Geo. Kendall as Clerk of the Survey at Chatham, with the same salary, &c., as enjoyed by Edw. Hayward, who has resigned.	5
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Thos. Guy for 10*l.* for his care in several businesses connected with the fleet, in which he was employed by Gen. Montague.	6
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out bills of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 4,000*l.* a week for 4 weeks, commencing 30 Nov. last, for carrying on the victualling affairs upon the new Declaration for the next year, and according to such orders as he shall receive from Majors Bourne and Thomson and Comr. Willoughby.	7
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to defalk, on passing the accounts of Dan. Furzer, master shipwright, for building a new frigate at Lidney Pill, 1,668*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.* paid to him by Major John Wade on account.	8

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1657.				Vol. 175.
Dec. 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order for the refitting of the Satisfaction, to sail to Helena Island, and convoy home such ships as have arrived there from the East Indies, his Highness having recommended a petition from the merchants trading there for a convoy to the Admiralty Commissioners, to do what they may for the encouragement of that trade.	9
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Sends his bill for 97*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* for cleaning the Preston frigate, and desires they will pay the amount to his son, Ensign Rich. Elton, and send him their answer to Lynn, where he is going by command of his Highness. Wm. Blaeds of Hull is a ship's carpenter and an honest man, and will answer all their commands during his absence. With order to the Navy Commissioners 4 Dec. to examine the account and pay what is due thereon.	10, 11
„ 3	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to make an allowance to John Westley of 100*l.* a year for the time he officiated as minister on board the Triumph.	12
„ „	Capt. Christ. Myngs, *Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has safely arrived in the Downs with Messrs. Clarke and Jones, the 2 victuallers; cannot account for the delay of the rest, but will embrace all opportunity for sailing to Jamaica.	13
„ „	Capt. Nath. Browne, the *Taunton, Plymouth.*	„	Sailed from the Bay of Wyers on 27th ult. with the Falcon flyboat, but they were separated in a storm; being leaky, put into Plymouth until an opportunity presents to proceed according to their orders.	14
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Will send the hemp to Woolwich when he has a shipload, but as it is brought from several parts in carts and boats, and often gets wet, unless it was dried it would all be lost. If it were made into cordage at Yarmouth, the ropers would dry and work it up immediately on its arrival, and deliver in as much cordage as they received in hemp, 2*s.* per cwt. cheaper than any others, which would avoid all risk and be an advantage. Being much pressed for money, and having expended his own in fitting out 2 ships for the Straits, desires they will send him some to Lynn, as also an order to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to supply him on his order for what he may require.	15
„ 4	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Princess Maria, Margate Road.*	[Adm. Comrs.]	Being ordered to the Lee Road by Sir Rich. Stayner to take charge of some vessels bound northwards, arrived in Margate Roads last night, and will sail when wind and tides permit, but the tides fall out so early and so late that the pilot will not venture to carry the ship over the Flats.	16
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Repair, arrival, and departure of ships. Hears from the captain of the Taunton that Capt. Stoakes with his squadron sailed from Lisbon last Thursday.	17
„ „	Capt. Jonas Poole, the *Unicorn.*	„	Sends a packet from Adm. Jno. Stoakes at Lisbon. Sailed from there with 8 other of the State's ships on the 25th ult., and all have arrived safely in the Downs except two, parted by the violence of the wind and thickness of the weather. There are 20 days' provisions on each ship.	18
„ 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order for repairing the Centurion and Nantwich at Woolwich - - - - -	19
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for the speedy refitting the Portsmouth at Deptford - - - - -	20

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1656.				Vol. 175.
Dec. 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs] and Treasurer.	Order for paying off the Centurion and Nantwich at Woolwich - - - - -	21
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com[rs]	To make such provision for pitch, tar, and other commodities, as best they may, the order of Parliament upon which former Commissioners gave directions for the importation of the same from Holland in Dutch bottoms having become void.	22
„ „	Capt. Robt. Colman, the *Elizabeth, Lee Road.*	Adm. Com.	Is ordered by Sir Rich. Stayner to ply about the mouth of the Thames, and to board and search all vessels passing for suspicious persons; asks a description of the particular one sought for. Wants 3 cables, an anchor, and a long boat.	23, 24
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	„	Thanks for their order to the Treasurer to pay him 130*l.* on account of sailcloth; presumes that 2 other bills for 30*l.* and 50*l.* have been met. In asking that when he wanted money to satisfy disbursements, he might take it up upon bills of the collector of customs at Weymouth or Lyme, did not desire it as an advance, but only to reimburse himself; will never draw a bill on the Commissioners until he has disbursed the amount. The promise that on the delivery of every 100*l.* worth of sailcloth he shall receive payment for what is due will no way answer his disbursements, as he is ordered not to send up any unless a convoy presents, and has consequently 300*l.* worth ready, and much more may be brought in before any opportunity presents of sending it away. Begs encouragement for carrying on the manufacture by the timely payment of his bills. Deals with poor tradesmen, whom he pays on delivery of the goods, as they cannot wait for it a day. Hopes to contract with the men that furnish some Bristol merchants, and will then have 100 bolts a month.	25
„ „	„ „	Navy Com[rs]	To similar effect - - - - - - - - - - -	26
„ „	Capt. Wm. Pickering, the *Pearl, Bridlington.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from the Humber on the 26th ult. with two convoys of soldiers bound for Hamburg River; saw them safely on the coast, and then returned to his station. Desires order to clean and revictual for 3 months.	27
„ „	Capt. Anth. Rively, the *Vulture, Hope.*	„	Has come into the Hope with 11 sail under convoy, by order of Major Burton. Having only 20 days' provisions left, desires order to revictual.	28
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	[Adm. Comrs.]	Capt. Tippetts being at London, has searched the storekeeper's book, and finds that 26 bales of Noyals and 4 of Vittry canvas were sent to the fleet on 8 June last, being a portion of that supplied by Capt. John Child, and that exception was made by the storekeeper and others to the Vittry as to its quality, but it being stated there was no better then made in France, and the sailmakers giving a certificate, a bill was passed for it.	29
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover.*	Navy Com[rs]	Will not bestow too much money on the repair of the small frigates, but received order from Sir Rich. Stayner for what he did to the Lily. Desires they will send to Jno. Tatnell, the carpenter, to make more haste in dispatching those ships that come in. Particulars of repairs needed.	30

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1657.				Vol. 175.
Dec. 6	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has appointed the fleet from the southward to remain in the Downs until further orders, and Capt. Myngs to hasten away with his convoy, he having been detained by the weather. The Adventure has come in, having lost her convoy. Particulars of ships. There has been a great wreck on the Goodwin Sands, and a hoy lost in the Downs. Received their order through Major Burton for a convoy for several ships of Yarmouth bound for Bordeaux, and has sent the Expedition, who will also call at Plymouth and Falmouth for any others, and bring back any that may be ready within 24 hours. Has appointed other convoys, and 20 men to each of the two shallops going over with guns, baskets, deals, nails, &c., also a week's victuals. The wind is at N.E., with a hard gale and bad weather.	31
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	,,	Having notice from his Highness, through Mr. Thurloe, for the speedy making and sending of 5,000 more pallisadoes, there being an expectation of an attempt from the enemy, and knowing from experience the time required for sawing and getting together such a quantity, desires a warrant may be sent to the storekeepers at Woolwich and Deptford to supply 1,000 each within a week, and he will provide the other 3,000. They must be made of oak, 11 feet long and $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches square at the great end, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ at the lesser, but they may be sawn out of the worst, sappy, knotty, and refuse timber about the yard. After he knows what order they give, will send an instrument to see it observed.	32
,, ,,	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	,,	The Ordnance officers have sent to enquire for the Fortune flyboat. She sailed hence the 27th ult., got into Margate the 29th, but was detained by winds till the 4th. Arrival of ships.	33
,, 7	Sir Jno. Barkstead, *Tower.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Understands from Capt. Saml. Titsell, late master of the Three Sisters, who was taken by the enemy coming from the Canaries, and carried to St. Sebastian's, that he is now in London on parole, and has some business before the Admiralty Commissioners, having known him before he went his voyage, and received satisfaction both from the merchants and others as to the truth of his statements, desires speedy furtherance for him, for making good his promise and engagement on parole.	34
,, ,,	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Sparrow pink has returned from Holland with a fleet belonging to Boston and Hull, and as the latter are very rich, has sent him with them to the Humber, and then to go for Deptford, touching at Harwich to take in 4 brass guns. Is buying hemp as ordered, but cannot tell what to do for want of money, as all in the country is bought for cash. Knowing they cannot get one quarter enough English hemp to serve their turn, if they will have any Holland cordage, they may have it cheaper than last year, as it has fallen 4*s.* a cwt. Capt. Curle has not brought the Vulture's cables and anchors from the Hague, the men sent to clear them not having returned when he sailed, but will have them by the next ship that goes, as his friend there will advance the necessary money.	35
,, 7	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - - - -	36

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1657.				Vol. 175.
Dec. 7	Rowland Claus, *Lisbon.*	—	Deposition that he is a Swede, and sailed from London in the Prince William for Teneriffe, under Jno. Pyne master, who went on shore there, and the ship being forced out to sea by a storm and not returning, but continuing her course northwards with her lading, the company asked Rowlif Corten, the master's mate, the reason; he said he intended for Lisbon, and on their refusing to go, he threatened them, and as they were ignorant of navigation they were compelled to submit. Corten broke open the master's chest, drank his liquors, wore his clothes, embezzled some of the merchants' goods, and said if he could only get to Caliz, the owners would never have their goods again, but he would share them between themselves. They were chased and taken by Capt. Willoughby Hannam of the Kent frigate, and brought into Lisbon. With inventory of the goods, boats, guns, rigging, &c., on board the ship.	37, 38
,, ,,	Capt. Christ. Myngs, *Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Is still waiting for a wind to convoy the 3 victuallers for Jamaica - - - -	39
,, ,,	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Repairs of ships - - - - - - - - - - - -	40
,, ,,	Capt. Edw. Thomson, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in by order of Sir Rich. Stayner with 3 vessels bound for Bordeaux, and one for Nantes, that go under his convoy. Has not received the 2 cables that he wrote for when he came from Mardike, and cannot obtain any at Plymouth.	41
,, 8	Jno. Banks, *London*	,,	Asks for a supply of money which will be an encouragement to give further credit. Has had worse payment than his neighbours, for whereas he had 3 bills due last August, to the value of 3,400*l.*, has only had 1,000*l.*, and that 3 weeks after some in London had had their full money. Now has another bill for 2,400*l.*, of 2 months' date; hopes they will order him to receive the full of his former bills.	42
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Blake, *Newbury, Isle of Wight.*	,,	Has been plying on his station between the Isle of Wight and Cape de Hogue, with the Essex and Maidstone; when off Dover, met one of De Ruyter's fleet come from the Groyne, and bound home, who put in there one of his prizes which he had taken from the Portuguese, she having sprung a leak; he shifted her sugar into his own ship, and then sold the prize. At his coming there, 9 Englishmen that were taken by a Dunkirker and brought in thither desiring a passage, he shipped them, and they are now on board the Newbury. They saw no soldiers at the Groyne, nor heard of any coming there to be shipped for any place, and there were only 2 men-of-war fitting upon the Spaniards' account, which were reported to be for St. Lucar. The Dutch man-of-war had nothing on board but sugar, which he had taken out of his prize, and none but his own company on board. As the Essex wants water and ballast, has sent her to Spithead. Hopes the easterly winds will be no prejudice to their design.	43
,, ,,	Adm. Judges, *Dunkirk.*	—	Consent for the release of John Harris on condition of his procuring that of Martin Coots, prisoner at Chelsea College.	44
,, ,,	,, ,,	—	Like consent for Cæsar Chub, in exchange for Paul van Enden, prisoner at Plymouth - -	45

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Dec. 8	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has desired Mr. Vinson to give an account of tickets enclosed. Thanks for the prints - -	46
„ „	„ „	Col. John Clerke.	Hopes the Lord's dealings with his child may be sanctified to his and his wife's good. Understands that the Expedition and Elizabeth are added to this squadron; the former is fitter to ride between Queenborough and Chatham than to tumble in the western seas. Will make the best use of her, and dispose of the frigates to the westward, where they may meet the enemy, and do service on them; if they come with such a number of men, they cannot have less than 16 ships, and it will be needful to be in such a posture as may signify something. Giving notice to the frigates scattered in several stations to look out for them will be of little advantage if they should meet with them; believes they will endeavour to keep as near the French shore as they can, and so come by Ushant, when our ships will be in the Soundings, and far from them. Thinks the Spaniard will hire 10 or 12 great Dutch ships, who, with a Dutch convoy or two, may come as if they came from Rochelle or Bordeaux, and so deceive us; it will therefore be necessary to search as many of the Dutch ships as may be suspected, without giving offence. Thanks for his advice about the East Iudia Company. Asks what should be done in case the Spaniard should hire Dutch ships to transport their men.	47
„ „	„ „	„	Will so dispose the ships that they may meet the squadron at Plymouth; they may probably meet those with the soldiers from St. Sebastians. Arrival, departure, and refitting of ships.	48
„ „	Martin Noel, *London*	Adm. Com.	John du Pont, a native of Canterbury, in going from Dover in an English vessel for Flushing, was taken by an Ostender, and kept prisoner for some months. The Admiralty at Dunkirk having lately given him his liberty, on condition that he will obtain the release of Fras. Renier, a seaman of Dunkirk, and a prisoner at Plymouth, or deliver himself up again, desires they will order Renier's release.	49
„ „	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	The Plymouth has come into the Downs; it is usual for the commanders to say that if sent to the right father for repair, more care will be taken to heal their infirmities; hears of some old rags on her lower parts, as also a broken head, and other wounds from shot, but hears well of her quality; can help her at small cost, if they will send her to Chatham.	50
„ „	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	The boatswain of the Fame having returned to his duties, and expressed regret for his 8 days' absence, the commander has entertained him again. Has received order from the Protector to provide a ship to transport part of a regiment under Col. Salmon, and victuals for the voyage. Has set the brewer and baker to work, and hopes to be ready to ship them off by the 16th instant.	51
„ 9	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich.*	„	Having an order from his Highness to go over to Mardike with some soldiers, is getting them on board a vessel hired by Mr. Grassingham, which will take in what she can, and himself the rest. His boatswain has returned on board, promised amendment, and is doing his duty.	52

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1657.				Vol. 175.
Dec. 9	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The Vulture having gone, could not forward their letter, and so returned it - -	53
„ „	Jas. Disbrowe, Thos. Speed, *Prize Office, Coleman Street, London.*	Navy Com^rs	The Virgin Mary, *alias* the Loving Lady help of Ostend, taken last July by Capt. Robinson of the Preston, who has since been using her, having been now brought in, they have proceeded against her in the Admiralty Court as a prize, and being now liable to account, desire she may be delivered up to their officer; she is to continue in the State's service. Ask an order authorizing her delivery on appraisement.	54
„ 10	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth, Lee Road.*	Major Bourne, Navy Comr.	Having come up the river on special service, and being in great want of a long boat, has sent up his carpenter for an order for one.	55
„ „	John Gardner, *Portland, Dungeness.*	Robt. Blackborne	Thanks for appointment as master of the Portland, but prays to be removed, as he cannot live under Capt. Powell, the commander. With his petition to the Admiralty Commissioners for removal, as the captain threatens to put him in the bilboes if he speaks or acts as master, but for what reason is unknown.	56, 57
„ „	Gen. Geo. Monk, *Dalkeith.*	Adm. Com.	Has taken an account of the ordnance and other stores in the custody of Messrs. Wilson and Greene, and sends particulars. Has put what was not wanted on board the Weymouth pink to bring home, and as she will hardly endure the boisterous northern seas, will leave them to dispose of her until the spring, and make shift with the Advice and Norwich upon the coasts this winter.	58
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	[Adm. Com.]	Received their order to deliver such books to Mr. Kendall as he needs, and for Mr. Colepott to remove out of his house that Kendall may apply himself to his service. Finding the boatswain of the yard very willing to submit to their commands, yet ambitious of being near his business, that he may comfortably discharge his duty, desired the master shipwright and others to look for some convenient place within or without the yard, that might make some small conveniency at a little charge, knowing how necessary it is that such officers should be near their duty, and encloses their certificate.	59
„ „	Leonard Prince, minister, Geo. Burgyn, and Thos. Frasse, churchwardens, *Ilfracombe.*	Navy Com^rs	David Williams, formerly of Ilfracombe, joined the Bear 3 years since, and went to Jamaica, where he died. He has a brother, Roger, a poor man, who also lives in the parish; the father and mother are both dead, and it will be an act of charity to help him to any money due to his deceased brother.	60
„ 11	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Leith on the 6th instant, with a fleet of convoys for Yarmouth Roads, and arrived there the 10th. Having been off the ground 7 months, and the frigate being very foul, asks an order to clean and to obtain cables and stores, having to return to Leith. Wishes he had an abler master, his being too weak for a 4th rate.	61

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Dec. 11	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has shipped the 4 brass guns that were taken up from the wreck of the Liberty in the Sparrow pink, bound for the Thames, and sends their weight.	62
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends an account from Capt. Vessey of prisoners taken by him and sent on shore at Plymouth, as also of those in the custody of the marshal; will as formerly advise the captains to bring those they take, unless very much necessitated to put them on shore. Is sorry he is so straitened for money. A vessel has brought a packet from Jamaica for Mr. Secretary, which he has sent up, and reports all well there. Capt. Heaton, having his old disease returned, desires to stay on shore a month. Thanks for the print sent.	63
„ „	Capt. N. Heaton, *Plymouth.*	„	Being afflicted with his old distemper, and under a course of physic for 10 days, begs leave of absence for a month, as he may endanger his life by going to sea in his present condition; his lieutenant is an able man, and qualified to take charge during his absence.	64
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send certificate of Capt. Jno. Taylor, Phineas Pett, and Robt. Sewell, that certain rooms in the yard at Chatham over the painter's shop may be fitted up for the use of the boatswain of the yard at an expense of 43*l.* His residing there will be an advantage to the State. With order 12 Dec. for their fitting up accordingly.	65–68
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	The works on the Satisfaction have been completed and the ballast in, and she waits provisions. Wants timber from Chatham for the new ship building. Hopes to complete the palisadoes next week.	69
„ „	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Milford.*	Adm. Com.	Has cleaned and victualled, and is waiting an opportunity to sail for Dublin - - -	70
„ „	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Constant Warwick, Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a list of the prisoners he took and released on parole; being common men, they would not have been taken in exchange for any English the enemy have, as they only detain masters and masters' mates. Had he known they expected them to be brought to England, would have done so, although his company would have had to go on short allowance, and the passage home would have been difficult, but will bring them home in future. Has tallowed and had a new mast, and will put to sea to-morrow.	71
„ 12	Capt. Nath. Browne, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Although he had a leaky ship and sickly men, the Commissioner at Plymouth ordered him to take under convoy such vessels as were there, bound eastward and to the Downs, and see them to their several ports; but a thick fog coming on, many of them became separated from him; was forced with the rest into Portsmouth by contrary winds. The John of Stroud, which came with the Unicorn, has arrived.	72
„ „	Jno. Jennings, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Asks whether to pass the accounts of Jno. Morgan, late boatswain of the Cardiff, for two voyages to the West Indies, not being signed by his captain, but only by the clerk of the check.	73

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1657.				Vol. 175.
Dec. 12	Dan. Furzer, *Bristol*	Navy Com^rs	Arriving in Hunger Road with a load of timber to land at Sherehampton Wharf, conferred with Mr. Dennis, master of the Friendship, as to loading with it, but he gave no satisfactory answer. Asks whether it is to be shipped at Lidney as formerly, and they to pay the freight, or to be delivered at the wharf, and the charges of bringing it there to be deducted out of his freight.	74
,, ,,	Christ. Myngs, *Cowes, Isle of Wight.*	Adm. Com.	Is still detained by contrary winds. One of the victuallers sprang a leak, but has had it stopped -	75
,, ,,	Capt. Godfrey Reader, *Harwich.*	,,	Was ordered by Sir Rich. Stayner to ply off Harwich and Orfordness for 20 days; as he will then have only 2 days' victuals and been off the ground 9 weeks, asks orders.	76
,, ,,	Margaret Risby -	,,	Petition for relief, her husband, Geo. Risby, seaman in the Rainbow, having been drowned in coming on board in her boat, leaving her in great distress with 2 small children. With certificates by Reynold Newham, Capt. Thos. Day, and 11 others.	77–79
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	,,	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - - -	80
,, ,,	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs	Sends an account of necessaries required in the stores for repair of ships; as they are daily wanted, desires they may be hastened.	81
,, 13	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The Rainbow, Lamport, and Plymouth, having arrived above Upnor Castle, and the James and Unicorn within Queenborough, which he hopes to get up to their moorings to-morrow, desires they will send the money down for paying them off as soon as possible; hopes it may be done at Chatham, not only for the good of the service, but out of a desire to do some offices of respect to his neighbours, the shopkeepers, both at Chatham and Rochester; as to his own particular, has sufficient business already.	82
,, ,,	,, ,,	[Navy Comrs.]	To similar effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	83
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Humber.*	Adm. Com.	Went to Leith by order of Gen. Monk, received anchors, sails, and small rigging, and will proceed to the Hope, and wait orders as to their disposal.	84
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	85
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order to give directions for cleaning and refitting the Cheriton at Deptford - - -	86
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Cheriton now refitting at Deptford, as soon as she is finished, and arrives in the Hope, reserving 3 months' pay in hand.	87
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to pay off the James, Rainbow, Unicorn, Lamport, and Plymouth, at Chatham, as also the Diamond and Raven, when they come into the river.	88

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1657.				Vol. 175.
Dec. 13	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Not having received any answer to his of the 5th instant, knows not what to do for money, and the man he employs to buy hemp has come from Lynn for some. Asks whether to draw on them or the Treasurer, or whether they will get an order for him to receive some of the Collectors of Customs and Excise at Lynn.	89
,, ,,	Lieut. John Fugill, *Clifford's Tower, York.*	Adm. Com.	None of the 50 Flemish prisoners have made their escape or are dead; hopes they will send to the mayor or Ralph Rymer, receiver general for the county, to disburse money to defray their charges and allowances. Has paid them 8*l.* besides the money assigned.	90
,, ,,	John Greene, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	Mr. Callis having received order for bringing the Assurance and Portsmouth into the dock, was importuned by him to enter more men, and as great haste is needed with the works, is now urged to continue them. Asks directions in cases of this nature which often happen, and the men then exceed the limit allowed. Formerly entered supernumeraries to assist in fitting out ships since gone to sea, but they were afterwards all discharged, according to order.	91
,, 14	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Princess Maria, Queenborough.*	[Adm. Com.]	Having been detained with the ship laden with soldiers by contrary winds, will need extra provisions if they continue. The return of the ships under convoy of the Adventure has much disanimated those now going over, and the master of that ship pretending sickness would willingly have given over the voyage, and put in his mate, but intends to prevent him. The pilot he sent for from London has come on board, and is not a little welcome.	92
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Arrival and departure of ships. Shall be glad to hear of the safety of Sir Jno. Reynolds and Col. White.	93
,, 15	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to enter Jonas Shish as master shipwright's assistant at Deptford, in place of Manley Callis, deceased.	94
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for supplying Capt. Allen of the Advice with two cables out of a quantity brought from Scotland by the Weymouth pink in the Hope.	95
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill to Vice-Admiral Goodson for 3,105*l.* 16*s.* disbursed by him for the use of his fleet at Jamaica, his accounts having been audited by Peter Peugh, auditor-general, and been approved by the Protector and Council.	96
,, ,,	Rich. Greene, *Leith* -	Adm. Com.	Sends an account of the remains of provisions and stores shipped for London in the Weymouth pink, by order of Gen. Monk, as also of cables supplied to ships on the Scotch coast, and what are remaining in the stores. Will send an account of disbursements in recovering wrecked goods.	97
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	,,	Arrival and departure of ships. Does not supply any gunners' demands without the certificate of the captain; as the Expedition is kept in the Road by contrary winds, cannot get an account how the shot, &c. were expended.	98
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Saunders, *Torrington, Chatham.*	,,	Has come up by order received on the 12th instant, and desires further instructions - -	99

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1657.				Vol. 175.
Dec. 15	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Having received several demands for stores and materials from Mardike, as also for 34 more men to carry on the works there, has laden 12 great hoys and barges, is getting others ready, and has sent an estimate of the value thereof to Mr. Thurloe, for the information of his Highness. As it amounts to 2,400*l.*, and most of it will have to be drawn out of the stores, desires order before transporting any; also orders to victual 130 men for 6 weeks out of victuals remaining in some ships lately come in, to save the expense of sending to London for them.	100
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Is still detained, with his convoys bound for Bordeaux and Nantes, by contrary winds. Has not yet received the cable he applied for.	101
„ 16	Capt. Nath. Browne, *Taunton, Cowes.*	„	Is still waiting with his convoys bound for London for a wind; as his men remain sickly, longs to get into the Downs.	102
„ „	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth, Lee Road.*	„	Has been very circumspect in examining vessels for suspected persons, but most of them had been searched before. Is very leaky, and this damages the powder. Wants an anchor, cable, and boat.	103
„ „	Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	„	Is much troubled that his bill on them for 60*l.* has not been accepted; knows not what to say, nor how to act, as it much reflects upon his credit. Has now 100 pieces of sailcloth ready to be shipped, and when this 60*l.* is paid, they will be 100*l.* more in his debt; 50*l.* of the 60*l.* bill was left in the treasurer's hands on the last order, so that it might have been discharged without all this trouble. Hopes they will either order his bills to be immediately accepted and paid, or him to desist purchasing more sailcloth; as also say whether he shall send what cloth he has by the Andrew of Weymouth as formerly.	104
„ 17	Wm. Ackworth, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires order for sale of old flags, ensigns, and paper stuff, old lead, and leaden scuppers; there are 15 tons of prize iron that might be wrought out as boatswains' and carpenters' stores, and in repairing ships at Woolwich.	105
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for refitting the Sparrow pink for service in the Channel - - - -	106
„ „	Jas. Disbrowe and 2 others, *Prize Office, Coleman Street.*	Adm. Com.	Recommend Fras. Holt of Portsmouth to succeed Wm. Willoughby, deceased, as sub-commissioner for prizes there.	107
„ „	„ „	„	Want a receipt for the Ann, Sancta Clara, and Loving Lady help, *alias* Mary, condemned as prizes by the Admiralty, and in custody of the Navy Commissioners in the Thames.	108
„ „	Mary Hatfield -	„	Petition for the exchange of her husband, Edward Hatfield, late gunner of the Roger and Edmund, taken prisoner and carried to Gravelines in Dunkirk, for Peter Moccart, prisoner at Plymouth, to effect which her husband has had a parole annexed from the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk. With the certificate from Dunkirk alluded to.	109, 110

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1657. Dec. 17	Zachariah Hemsly -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the exchange of Rich. Smith, seaman, prisoner at Ostend, for Lawrence Barron, seaman of Ostend and prisoner in Chelsea College. With certificate by Jno. Stainforth, deputy-marshal, that Barron *alias* Berroone, a seaman taken in the St. Peter of Ostend, is a prisoner at Chelsea.	Vol. 175. 111, 112
,, ,,	Thos. White, *Dover*.	Navy Com^{rs}	The Bramble has come in; will refit her with speed. Capt. Fras. Kelsey died at 4 p.m., at which all are much grieved.	113
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich*.	Adm. Com.	Has been waiting, by order of his Highness, to transport soldiers to Mardike Fort; but hearing that his Highness has not yet determined when they shall go over, and advises that the ship hired for that purpose be dismissed, will not stay any longer, but return to his station until further order.	114
,, 18	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth*.	,,	Has not yet received any reply to his letters to them or the Navy Commissioners, for money to pay for the hemp or as to drawing on the Collectors of Customs and Excise at Lynn for it, and cannot proceed without. The Vulture has arrived from the Maas with the anchor and cables she lost, which cost 90 guilders to recover. Capt. Sanders of the Tiger has also come in; falling in with the Vulture at sea, and finding 4 French gentlemen with their 6 servants on board, he brought them on shore, and examined them, when it appeared they had only come over to see his Highness and the country; but there was another man who came out of Flanders, and as it is feared he is a sharking knave, he is kept. Capt. Sanders is going back to his station, the Vulture to Harwich for victuals, and the Convert to Mardike with some vessels laden with provisions and coals.	115
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Hull*.	,,	Has had his frigate on shore and off again, and taken in most of his 3 months' provisions, and has been ill. If they will allow his master to go to sea with the ship for two or three weeks, he may recover meantime. When Capt. Wilkinson or Mr. Webley comes to London, they will certify his weak condition.	116
,, ,,	Capt. Ant. Rively, *Vulture, Yarmouth*.	,,	Has recovered the anchors and cables he lost on the coast of Holland, and paid 90 guilders for them, 80 being for taking them up, and 10 for boat hire to bring them on board. Asks where to revictual.	117
,, ,,	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol*.	,,	As there is a ship lading timber for the State from Dean Forest, which will take in 100 tons of shot at 16*s*. the ton, asks whether to order any to be shipped.	118
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor *Chatham*.	,,	Having received 2 warrants from his Highness to furnish Mardike with men, materials, and provisions, desires an order to the Navy Commissioners to supply him with what he may require; also with the remains of provisions in 7 ships lately come into Chatham, which will serve for victualling 130 men now at Mardike.	119
,, 19	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to examine the account of Rich. Browne of Pembroke for tallowing the Kinsale frigate at Milford, and make out a bill for what is due.	120

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Dec. 19	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *the Preston, Rolling Grounds.*	Adm. Com.	Having got all on board, will proceed to his station. Begs a remove, having been in the North seas 2 years, and much reduced both in health and purse by sickness.	121
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	„	A hoy having arrived with deals and other necessaries for Mardike, has appointed the Half Moon to convoy her over; another with the like lading is coming. As the time of the ships sent out by his Highness's commands will expire in 3 days, asks whether he shall renew it. Has sent for the Hawk ketch, and wants 2 or 3 more to go as convoys, and transport letters to Mardike, as small frigates will neither bear sail nor endure the sea.	122
„ 21	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Falmouth Road.*	„	Has come in with the Amity and the convoys from the Downs, through contrary winds, but will resail. Victualled for a month at Plymouth, so has over 2 months' on board.	123
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	According to their order, has drawn a bill on the Navy Treasurer for 800*l.*, and has ordered his friend to buy the best hemp he can get, but has not heard whether he is to send it to Woolwich or not.	124
„ „	Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	[Adm. Com.]	Sends an estimate of the works to be performed. Has treated with the carpenters, and finds the removal of the houses will cost 120*l.*, and the completing of the crane, 40*l.*; asks whether it is to be performed by contract or otherwise. The works of the dry dock go on well considering the season, and it may be ready to receive some ship by February. When at London, proposed the laying of the ways upon the ground, to save the charge of a floor of 6-inch plank, the ground being so good, but will not do it without their order. Noted that half the dock next the gates is to be floored before the ways are laid, by reason that the greatest weight will be there, but that there will be no such need at the other part, as the ground proves so good, and that the crane be built, but nothing further.	125
„ 22	Thos. Fletcher, master, and the owners of the *Martin* of *Southampton.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of written tickets received at Jamaica, for provisions supplied to ships there, by order of Lieut.-Gen. Brayne, commander-in-chief, amounting to 1,257*l.* 16*s.* With order to the Navy Commissioners to allow the tickets, although not printed, if they agree with the sea books.	126
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order that the account sent of anchors, cables, and other stores shipped in the Weymouth pink, by the Commissioners for Prize Goods at Leith, by order of Gen. Monk, be received on arriving in the Thames, and the boatswains of the Preston and 4 other ships charged for what stores they received from the Commissioners at Leith.	127, 128
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Beaver at Deptford - - -	129

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1657. Dec. 22	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Having been 7 months off the ground, asks whether to clean at Hull or Harwich. Wants 2 cables sent him.	Vol. 175. 130
„ „	John Fugill - -	—	List of 50 Flemish prisoners in York Castle. There were 52 up to 21 Oct. last, when Capt. Jacob Gorden died, and Math. Curlles was set at liberty; since then, has paid the gaoler for their maintenance 75*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*	131
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Hopes he is not unmindful of him in relation to money. Hears from Capt. Morris that when off Scilly, he prevented some ships from the East Indies going on the rocks in a fog, and that they reported there were 2 more whose company they had lost. 4 great ships of London with wine have come into Plymouth, so that Capt. Plumleigh is like to have a considerable convoy.	132
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Coleman of the Elizabeth, ordered by Sir R. Stayner to ply in the mouth of the river 20 days, now over, wants orders. List of 4 ships in the Splinter and 7 at Dunkirk.	133
„ „	Edw. Wood - -	„	Desires they will order him money for payment of some bills of exchange, wherein his credit is much concerned.	134
„ 23	Capt. Edm. Curtes, the *Newcastle, Lee Road.*	„	Sends a warrant from Sir Rich. Stayner to proceed to the Hope and take on board Sir George Downing, appointed his Highness's Resident in the United Provinces, with his servants and necessaries, and transport them to Rotterdam. Will endeavour to get into the Hope to-morrow, but has only 28 days' victuals on board.	135, 136
„ „	Jno. Stainforth, Deputy - Marshall, *Chelsea College.*	„	Certifies that Stans Berne, late boatswain of the Mary of Dunkirk, Jno. Pille, Jasper Peris, and Lewis Donmart, late seamen in the St. Peter of Ostend, and Peter de Coker, late seaman in the St. Maria of Ostend, are prisoners in Chelsea College.	137
„ „	Col. W. Sydenham, *Whitehall.*	„	Jno. Light has been employed by order of Council for effecting the release of Capt. Beare, who is kept prisoner at St. Sebastian's until he pays 100*l.* Light has found a prisoner in Chelsea College, Joseph Anthony de Due, a shopkeeper's son of Calais, who being sick and likely to die unless released, the father has offered 90*l.* for his enlargement. If the Commissioners will order his release, and authorize Mr. Light to perfect the exchange by receiving and returning the money, it will be punctually performed, and will be a seasonable relief to Capt. Beare, who is worthy and fit.	138
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover.*	„	The John ketch having arrived with a packet from Major-Gen. Morgan at Mardike, will put on board as much of the 30 or 40 loads of straw ordered by his Highness for the soldiers to lie upon as he can take, and also write the Major-General to send him back for the remainder; as the vessel he was about to hire wants 3*l.* a load for freight, hopes the John will save this, and make 3 voyages a week.	139

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1657. Dec. 23	Geo. Spilsbey -	Adm. Com.	Petition for re-employment as a boatswain, having served the State at sea for several years, and lately in the Falmouth, now laid up at Portsmouth. With certificates by Captains Jos. Saunders, Thos. Bunn, Fras. Kirby, Chas. Thorowgood, and others.	Vol. 175. 140–143
,, 24	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	They are not to go on with the repair of the Sparrow pink, but to pay her off, and to order the repair of the 16 ships mentioned in their list, those of the 3rd rate to be dispatched before those of the second.	144
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages of the officers and company of the Sparrow pink at Deptford - -	145
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to pay the wages of the officers and company of the Signet at Deptford - - -	146
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Barker, the *Lizard*.	Adm. Com.	Plied on his station until the 15th instant, when he put into harbour through the high winds. Met several vessels, and sent his boat to Lundy and St. Ives, but could not hear of any of the enemy's men-of-war. Having received order from Mr. Stracey, the victualler's agent, to convoy a ship laden with provisions for Plymouth, and there being 7 or 8 others, will see them all safe to their several ports, wait on Capt. Hatsell for stores, and then return to his station.	147
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham*.	Navy Com^rs	Mr. Ewell, who came from Mardike last Thursday, desperately sick, having died last night, recommends Thos. Tunbridge of Chatham to succeed him, being an able man, and formerly engaged in making both the docks there.	148
,, ,,	Jonas Shish, *Deptford*.	,,	Has surveyed the Sparrow pink, and if the works mentioned are performed upon her, which may amount to 118*l.*, she can be made serviceable for the State.	149
,, 25	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth*.	Adm. Com.	The Vulture, having seen a Hull ship into the Humber, is going to Harwich to clean and revictual. The prisoner is still confined, and his examination has been sent up to Mr. Secretary. Perceives they are in a straight for money at present; is in the same condition, but if he had it, would not stick to lay it out to do them service. Is 1,900*l.* or 2,000*l.* out upon the Mardike business, in victuals, coals, and hay, and cannot get a penny, which will make him give over, as he cannot trade without money. If order was given to the Collectors of Customs and Commissioners for Excise at Lynn to pay him what money they receive, he could buy; if not, others will buy it up. Has drawn a bill for 800*l.* upon the Navy Treasurer, by order of the Navy Commissioners, and sent it up. The Convert is bound for Mardike, the Weymouth for London, and the Fame has gone with a fleet for the Maas.	150

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1657. Dec. 25	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends accounts, receipts, and indents for things bought for the stores, as also for refitting frigates and supplying them with necessaries. Has charged a bill for 1,618*l.* 7*s.* upon the Treasurer at 5 days, and desires it may be paid. Need not tell them how troublesome it is to disburse money and be kept so long out of it; hopes it will not be long before such things are remedied. The Reserve has sailed from the Downs with 30 ships from the Canaries, Bordeaux, and other places under her convoy.	Vol. 175. 151
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Believes the account he sent of the engagement with the Biscay man-of-war by the Fagons and Sorlings was the truth, and that their officers did their duty, although some merchants may write what they think wil. take best with their correspondents. Has repaired the mast and other defects of the Fagons, and sent an account to the Navy Commissioners for disbursements at Plymouth, amounting to 1,600*l.* Although they are straitened for money, that is no reason why such a burden should lie more upon him than any other that serves them, and hopes they will give order for his money. Capt. Green, who went to St. Sebastian's to buy a ship, which he took and carried in there, did not hear of any soldiers being levied there but for their own defence, and many of them had liberty to go to sea in men-of-war. They have many men-of-war abroad, but most of them lie on the coast of France; while he was there, one of them, of 14 guns, came in very much shattered by shot, and had had 33 or 40 men killed. He was informed that she and another of 18 guns met 5 great English ships. The ship of 18 guns attempted to board one, but was prevented, and one or two merchant ships bearing up to the relief of their consort, they between them sunk the man-of-war of 18 guns, and all his men perished; the other came off with the damage before mentioned. Capt. Plumleigh has sailed with 30 vessels bound eastward, and others have gone to ply upon the coast.	152
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Assistance, Dunkirk Road.*	,,	Is in great want of provisions, and has had to transfer victuals from one ship to another, and if not supplied with the 900 lbs. of cheese, 78 lbs. of butter, and 10 tuns of beer deficient will be at a loss to give the men content, and especially the shallops.	153
,, ,,	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	,,	Sent their letter to Capt. Coleman, and directed Capt. Curtes to attend them to-morrow - -	154
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth, Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	Waits a wind to convoy ships bound for London. Having only received one month's provisions in Scotland, they will end on 9 January next.	155
,, 26	Wm. Blaydes, *Hull.*	,,	Will clean the Pearl frigate, and supply the ships with what they may want, as he has done since Lieut.-Col. Elton left. Could have furnished one with a new cable at 36*s.* per cwt., but wanted their order.	156

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Dec. 26	Rich. Kingdon -	Adm. Com.	Sends draft instructions for the future management of the accounts of the State's ironworks in Dean Forest, prepared by their order.	157
„ 27	Capt. Thos. Fleet, *Falcon flyboat, Downs.*	„	Sailed from Lisbon 27 Nov., by order of Adm. Stoakes, with the Taunton and others, but lost them by extremity of weather, and was forced into Scilly, where he stayed until the 23rd inst., when he sailed with 2 ships from Lisbon and Malaga belonging to Lynn and Weymouth, and anchored in the Downs the 27th inst. Asks orders.	158
„ „	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Constant Warwick, Plymouth Sound.*	Capt. Hen. Hatsell.	Since coming from Plymouth, has chased and searched several vessels, but found nothing but their own company and merchants' goods, although one heaved many things overboard to sail before the wind, and thus escaped. Will be forced to put into some place shortly to fish his mainmast, as it has a great crack in it.	159
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Sends up Christ. Payne with an inventory of anchors, sails, and other stores shipped by order of Gen. Monk, and desires order as to their disposal. There are 20 laden vessels with him, which came from Newcastle, Hull, and Yarmouth.	160, 161
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Arriving in Yarmouth Roads on the 22nd inst., received orders from Major Burton to convoy several vessels there ready for the Maas, and meeting with a gale and hoisting his maintopsail, his main chain plates gave way, and the mainmast and topmast sails all went by the board, and his boat was staved. Made a jurymast of his foretopmast, &c., and has come in for orders where to get a supply.	162
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	„	The Taunton and Falcon flyboat have arrived from Lisbon with only 6 days' victuals left, and the former has lost many men, and has many sick. Particulars of other ships. Could not send out the Portland until the business of the captain and master had been heard before a Council of War, when it was found that the company were divided, that the captain and master were very faulty, that it was not safe to keep them both in one ship, and that the captain should be made sensible of his misdeeds and the master dismissed. Some 40 sail richly laden have come in from France, Portugal, the Straits, and the East and West Indies; the latter being in great distress, spared them cables and cordage and some men to carry their ships up, and has sent the captains' receipts for what they had to the Navy Office. Particulars of ships and want of provisions. There being great complaint of the captain of the Convert against his master, will settle the difference before she goes to sea, unless it is as bad as the business of the Portland, which he is forced to make ride on his broadside, for fear of a greater evil, until he has the Commissioners' answer, for as yet neither the captain nor master know anything of the sentence pronounced. Has 3 or 4 men who came in with Lord Montague, and who are fit for boatswains or masters. One of the latter is wanted in the Half Moon.	163

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1657.				Vol. 175.
Dec. 27	Sir Rich. Stayner, President, J. Fowler, Judge-Advocate, the *London, Downs.*	—	Order in a Council of War on a petition of Jno. Gardner, master of the Portland, against Capt. Hen. Powell, commander, charging him with reviling him, threatening to put him in the bilboes, forbidding him to act as master, striking him, bringing the ship on ground on the Ripraps, selling the kedge anchor to a Flemish ship, recovering a State's anchor from the sea and appropriating it to his own use, and ordering the unstocking and stowing in the hold of the stream anchor, so that when the ship grounded, there was no anchor ready. Also on information of Capt. Hen. Powell against Jno. Gardner, charging him with so working the ship that he drove her on ground upon two occasions, broke her anchor, and much endangered her on the sands south of Yarmouth and between Calais and Gravelines, declined to bear up to the Speaker when commanded, chased a ship without orders, used threats, and endeavoured to draw the men to disobey commands, and to sign his papers against the commander; with the answers of Gardner and Powell thereto, and sundry depositions:—That Capt. Powell is acquitted of endangering the ship, but is much in fault in threatening and striking the master and forbidding him to act, and liable under the 39th article of the Laws of War and Ordinances of the Sea, as also for selling the kedge anchor, and that he should receive a severe admonition; the disposing of the kedge anchor, and the value of the one alleged to have been purchased in lieu of it, as also the disposing of the anchor recovered from the sea, being left to the consideration of the Navy Commissioners; and that Gardner, being guilty of badly working and endangering the ship, disobeying orders in not bearing up to speak with the Speaker, and giving chase to a ship without acquainting his commander, is liable under the 29th and 39th articles of the Laws of War, and is worthy to be dismissed from his charge as master in the Portland. With the several papers alluded to.	164–170
„ „	Capt. Thos. Lardge, the *Lark, Portland.*	Adm. Com.	Has been to Jersey with some vessels with passengers and things for the garrison, and also convoyed others for Morlaix, but did not bring any back, as Capt. Plumleigh had gone before with them. Is nearly out of provisions, and will cruise about until he receives a reply or order.	171
„ 28	Capt. Jno. Baskett, the *Wakefield, Spithead.*	„	Came from Seinehead with a Plymouth vessel, partly belonging to Comr. Hatsell, and met Capt. Plumleigh of the Reserve, with vessels from Bordeaux and Morlaix bound for London, but they were forced by the wind into the Wight. Having only a month's provisions, and having been off the ground 4 months, desires orders.	172
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	The Fame having arrived from the Maas and lost her mainmast, has sent her to Harwich to wait orders. The North Sea fishers will be ready to sail 1st Feb., having lost their last year's work through going too late; as they desire a convoy, and it will not be ready until 1st March, they intend to go and wait in their fishing grounds until it comes.	173
„ „	„ „	„	Will ship the hemp at Lynn for Woolwich, but wants money to pay for it, and if they do not help him, knows not what to do, as his stock has run out to Mardike, and he cannot get payment of bills drawn from thence.	174

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1657.				Vol. 175.
Dec. 28	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth, Lee Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has stayed 4 days longer in his station, by order of Sir Richard, and is now ready to sail the first opportunity, his pilot being on board.	175
„ „	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Princess Maria, Hoseley Bay.*	„	Sailed from Queenborough with the ship laden with soldiers, but when off the Vlie, was forced back by contrary winds, his convoy not being able to keep the sea, and wanting provisions. Asks whether to attend his present convoy or return to the Downs, as ordered by Sir Rich. Stayner.	176
„ „	Capt. J. Lightfoot, *Nightingale, Queenborough.*	„	Will sail to Chatham to refit and victual as ordered. Wants 20 more firelocks - - -	177
„ „	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Vulture, Harwich.*	„	His provisions being expended, and his ship very foul, has come in to clean and revictual - -	178
„ 29	T. Dickinson, Mayor, *York.*	Col. Jno. Clarke, Edw. Salmon, and Robt. Beake Adm. Com^rs^	Has paid Lieut. Fugill 50*l.* for the Flemish prisoners in York Castle, and sent his receipt, desiring they would pay his bill for the amount to Jno. Upshon upon sight, but his letter has not been received; supposes it is still with the postmasters, and requests that Upshon may be paid, he having waited longer than was intended.	179
„ „	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	As the bills for making provision for transporting part of Col. Salmon's regiment for Mardike have again come to his hands, has applied to Sec. Thurloe, and hopes he will not be unmindful of him and the provisions still in his custody. The Vulture has come in; will give her quick dispatch.	180
„ „	Joseph Larke, Saml. Cooper.	—	List of all the prisoners in Chelsea College, when taken, out of what ship, by whom, the country to which they belong, and the positions they occupied; also of those who have died, escaped, or been discharged, since 21 Dec. inst.	181
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Blackborne.	The cook of the Worcester being dead, recommends Mr. Warman, who formerly applied for a purser's place, to succeed him. Last week recommended Mr. Tunbridge to succeed the late Mr. Ewell as house carpenter, since which the Navy Commissioners have granted him a warrant; now Mr. Cussens of Rochester endeavours to procure one for it, but neither his abilities, principles, nor practice, are for the interests of good people or to the benefit of the service.	182
„ „	Jonas Shish - -	[Navy Comrs.]	Having received order from the Admiralty Commissioners for the speedy launching of the Portsmouth, desires warrant to enter 25 more men for 10 days.	183

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1657. Dec. 29	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival, victualling, and resailing of ships. Having reconciled the difference between the captain and master of the Convert, has sent her with the Colchester to lie off Ostend for 8 days, but dares not send out the Portland until further order about the captain and master, both of whom are much to blame. The Court of War rendered the master not fit for his place, and ordered the captain only a strict reproof, but there was little difference in their faults; the business is, however, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners. Capt. Motham chased a small frigate of 8 or 10 guns on shore on the sands at Margate; supposes she is cast away, as the Eaglet ketch took up a boat of Flanders build with 3 muskets and a Holland cheese in her, so that she was either a man-of-war or the boat belonged to one; hopes it was the Parrot from Flushing. There is a small sloop or two amongst the sands between Orfordness and the Foreland, but has not a small vessel to ply out after them. Two laden ships have come through the Downs from the Canaries and Madeira, bound up the river. Has sent for Capt. Horne, who will come up in the Hawk ketch.	Vol. 175. 184
,, 30	,, ,,	,,	Has ordered the Taunton and Falcon flyboat to Woolwich, and the captain and master of the Portland to London. Sent Lieut. Cuttle and a master on board the frigate, with some commanders, who called the company together and gave them notice that Lieut. Cuttle was their commander for the present. The men are better satisfied with these than with the captain and master who are gone. The fishermen of Sandwich, Margate, Ramsgate, and Bradsto, being 20 sail, desire convoy to the North Seas, and will be ready to sail in a month. It is reported that 2,000 of the enemies' horse came by Mardike and fetched relief to Gravelines last Sunday from Dunkirk, at whose return the English horse at Mardike took some prisoners in the rear, and behaved very well with the party of horse they had.	185
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Has come in for 3 months' victuals, by order of Sir Rich. Stayner, and will proceed to the Downs.	186
,, ,,	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	,,	Is expecting their answer as to providing peas for Portsmouth, and as to sending the sailcloth on one of the State's ships for Portsmouth. Hearing that the Admiralty Commissioners have ordered 160*l.* more into the treasurer's hands for carrying on the manufacture of the sailcloth, has given a bill on them for 100*l.*, and hopes it will be paid.	187
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	,,	The Elias has arrived at Spithead to take in 3 months' victuals, by order of Sir Rich. Stayner, and the Dragon to refit and victual.	188

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1657.				Vol. 175.
Dec. 31	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to refit, by order of Major Burton, having lost his masts, yards, sails, and rigging. As his victuals will end 12 Feb., asks whether he shall take in any more or go out with what he shall have left.	189
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine the accounts of Wm. Blaydes at Hull for money disbursed in washing, tallowing, and searching the Pearl frigate, and make out a bill for what is due.	190
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages of the officers and company of the Hunter at Deptford - - -	191
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to pay the wages due to Jno. Gollop for the time he officiated as minister of the Ruby, notwithstanding he had no warrant.	192
„ „	Capt. Nath. Browne, the *Taunton, Woolwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has come up by order of Sir Rich. Stayner, and will attend them as soon as a survey has been made of the late boatswain's stores.	193
„ „	Capt. Rich. Hodge, the *Basing, Milford.*	„	According to order from the Lord-Deputy of Ireland, transported Lord and Lady Broghill, with their attendants, and the Earl of Barrimore and his servants, from Youghall to Minehead, and then came to Milford. Will proceed to Plymouth for a winter's supply.	194
Dec.	Wm. Quintin - -	—	Account of some iron ordnance formerly belonging to a merchant ship, which he has to sell at 13*l.* a ton, with their carriages and other appendages.	195
Dec. ?	Rich. Crosly - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of 107*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* for Ipswich canvas, delivered into the stores at Chatham 2 Sept. 1657, by order of Comr. Pett.	196
„	— Audeley - -	—	Account of pikes, muskets, and carbines brought into the Ordnance Stores on contract, of those yet to be delivered, and also of those put out to be repaired and refitted.	197
„	———	—	List of the ordnance, arms, ammunition, &c., remaining in the stores at Jersey, as also of what is wanting.	198
„	Officers of the *Roe ketch.*	—	Depositions of Fras. Pile, mate, Jno. Fiffe, surgeon, and others, charging the captain with neglecting to convoy certain vessels, and with remaining on shore at Lynn drinking, and declining to have any religious observances on board on the Sundays.	199–201

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			Papers relating to the Navy, Undated. i.—Petitions.	
1657?				Vol. 176.
„	David Adamson -	Gen. Montague.	For employment, having a wife and 5 children. Has had none since the Richard was paid. Built and rigged the model ship presented to him by Rear-Adm. Bourne.	1
„	Jas. Aylett, late lieutenant of the *Assistance*.	„	For employment. Has served 11 years, attended 5 months for restoration to his place, and spent 30*l.* in preparations, and now hears it is given to another, though promised to him.	2
„	Rob. Bagnall, merchant.	Adm. Com.	For employment as clerk of the Ordnance or otherwise. Was settled in the Canary Islands, but forced thence at the late breach of peace, and lost his trade and all his earnings.	3
„	Edm. Baylis - -	„	For renewal of his warrant as steward of the Gift, for which he has waited 1½ years, having served in it to Jamaica and passed his accounts; has been 10 or 11 years in the State's service.	4
„	Rob. Balling - -	„	For a gunner's place in the Sorlings or elsewhere. Has served 14 years, and last as midshipman of the Maidstone, but was discharged for sickness.	5
„	Rob. Barnard -	„	For release of John Peale, prisoner in Chelsea College, in exchange for himself. Coming from Galloway to London was taken by an Ostender, under Capt. Hamilton, and sent to Ostend, and committed to Peale's wife.	6
„	Edw. Boke, shipwright	Navy Com^rs	For a hearing, to show what thieves and malignants his enemies have been - - -	7
„	Lewis Bolden, *Olave's, Southwark.*	Adm. Com.	To be master of a ship. Was long master of a merchant ship, but has suffered losses and imprisonments by Ostenders. With certificate by Capt. Anth. Earwing and 3 others.	8, 9
„	Hen. Careless, carpenter of the *Dunbar.*	„	For payment of his salary, to save his family from destruction, all the objections which caused their detention being cleared.	10
„	Thos. Cattline, *Shadwell.*	„	For a warrant for the cook's place on the Sun, having served many years and been cook in the Globe. With request by Capt. Simon Orton to have him.	11, 12
„	Capt. Wm. Coppin -	„	For their favour to obtain him a poor knight's place in Windsor, being old, having served many years, and long waited in vain for further employment.	13
„	Gilb. Cornelius, late lieutenant of the *Portland.*	„	For command of a small pink ready at Woolwich. Was midshipman in the first expedition to America, had the charge of a prize, was made Judge-Advocate of Wm. Goodson's fleet, and then lieutenant of the Portland. With arguments towards the granting of his petition, he having the charge of an orphan of 12 years, whose relatives were killed at Hispaniola, and certificate by Goodson in his favour.	14–16
„	Edward Cotterell, prisoner in the *Mews.*	„	For release on bail, or leave to answer for himself; has been 20 months in prison, and endured much hardship.	17

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1657?	John Creasie - -	Adm. Com.	To be a ship's carpenter, the Tulip, on which he has served, being laid up at Chatham. With certificates by John Clarke and 2 others, and Phin. Pett and 2 others.	18–20
„	Jas. French, purser of the *Newcastle*.	Gen. Lord Edw. Montague.	For an order to keep the cabin next the steward's room, assigned him by Chris. Pett, master builder at Woolwich, to which he has sent his things, having been away ill, but the captain refuses it.	21
„	Capt. Wm. Godfrey	„	For the command of a ship. Has served 18 years and been to the West Indies, but Capt. Butler, who has only served a year, through Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood, has obtained a commission for his ship. Is recommended by Gen. Monk and Lord Lenthall.	22
„	Sam. Hall, late lieutenant of the *Preston*.	Adm. Com.	For employment. Has served the State by sea and land against all powers that have risen against it since 1641, but his last employment was voted useless.	23
„	Thos. Hall, turner -	„	For payment of part or the whole of 1,100*l*., due for gunners' stores at Portsmouth, for the last winter guard and this summer's fleet. Has received nothing, and the workmen call on him daily for money.	24
„	Jonas Harcourt, messenger to the *Ordnance Office*.	„	For payment of 120*l*. debt, referred to them on his petition to the Protector if found due, and Auditor Beale has certified his account. Noted to be considered with all the Ordnance Officers.	25
„	John Harding, platemaker.	„	For payment of 1,200*l*. for plates, poop lanterns, glasswork, &c., delivered into the Tower and other stores, most of it due since April last, that he may pay his creditors and go on.	26
„	Hen. Hardy - -	„	To be clerk of the check in the new frigate at Portsmouth. Has served 4 years in merchantmen hired for the service.	27
„	Chris. Harker, purser of the *Winsby*.	„	For suspension of his dismissal. The voyage being long, and his wife and family ill, came up to see them, but soon returned. Can prove the suggestions against him to be untrue.	28
„	John Harlow - -	„	For a cook's place, having served the State at sea 11 years. With certificate by Wm. Hill and Major N. Bourne to his service as cook's mate in the Speaker, &c.	29, 30
„	Chas. Harris, master gunner of the *Amity*.	„	For renewal of his warrant, having served many years - - - - - -	31
„	Edw. Harris, mariner, *Deptford*.	„	To be boatswain of the frigate building at Deptford or Portsmouth. Has served many years, and was on the Sophia, but has been 11 months out of pay.	32
„	Jos. Harrison, midshipman in the *Speaker*.	„	For a warrant to Capt. Stayner to restore him to his place, and allow him his wages. Was in the late engagement with the Spaniards, and has explained the reason of his absence from his charge.	33
„	Rob. Harwell, late master's mate of the *Peter and Jane*.	„	For the command of a vessel. On his late return from the East Indies, they met a Spanish man-of-war and maintained a sharp and tedious fight. With certificate by Maurice Thomson and 2 others.	34, 35

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1657?	John Hawker, gunner of the *Sapphire.*	Adm. Com.	For liberty, his 6 months' wages, and employment. Has been 5 weeks in prison for the dishonest dealing of his mate, whom he cannot find or produce. Was 11 years a captive of the Turk, has served freely since, and lost his arm.	36
,,	Nich. Herniman, prisoner in *Bridewell.*	,,	For discharge, having been 13 weeks there for endeavouring to take up the 4 months' pay due to him by a counterfeit warrant, being left behind his ship at Portsmouth, and very sick and poor.	37
,,	Hum. Hichcock -	,,	For a boatswain's place. Has long served by sea and land, and was 7 years boatswain of the Little President, but has been 14 months out of employment, to his utter undoing.	38
,,	,, ,,	,,	For the command of the Little President. Has been at home 17 months - - -	39
,,	John Hide and Peter Wilkinson, *Fortune flyboat, Yarmouth.*	,,	For payment, being master and part owners of the vessel, and unable to proceed on any voyage till dispatched.	40
,,	John Higgens -	,,	To go in any capacity on one of the ships now setting forth. Broke his back 3 years ago in the Assistance, and has been in the Savoy Hospital, but being pretty well recovered, will be turned out, and has no friend to relieve him.	41
,,	Marg. Hinde - -	,,	For the command of the Cat pink now fitting, for her son James, who has served many years, and is now gunner of the Hawk, but was late gunner of the Cat.	42
,,	Edw. Honiewood -	,,	To be lieutenant of the Lamport. Has done the duties on the Sapphire in her last voyage westward, served many years as clerk in the Navy and Ordnance Offices, and went to sea in 1654, but did not ask office till he had gained experience in 2 voyages. With certificate by Rob. Clay of his good service in the Sapphire, in Dec. 1656 and April 1657.	43, 44
,,	John Hooke, owner of the *John of Stroud.*	,,	That much money due to him for service in the ketch may not be detained for the transgressions of Edw. Good, who was master.	45
,,	John Hooper - -	Ordnance Com.	To make a report to Council for payment of the 114*l.* due to him for salary. Was 9 years clerk in the Ordnance Office under Geo. Payler, ordnance surveyor, and has been 2 years out of office.	46
,,	Edw. Horsenall -	Adm. Com.	For a license to keep a victualling house. Has served 5 years, received several hurts in the Speaker, but had no pension.	47
,,	Rich. Horton - -	,,	For the cook's place on the new frigate Monk, at Portsmouth, granted him before, but given to — Murford, who, with his wife, is now in Winchester gaol for murder.	48
,,	Nich. Hubs, cook -	,,	To be master cook on the Martin, on which he has been deputy-cook. Has served well on divers frigates. With certificate by Capt. John Vessey.	49, 50
,,	Hen. Hudson, late boatswain of the *Marigold.*	,,	To be boatswain of the Gift prize, fitting at Deptford; has served through the wars as quartermaster, gunner's mate, and master of a shallop for Scotland. Was in the Fox fireship, burnt at Malaga, and in the Marigold, which is now sold.	51

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1657?	Hen. Hudson, late boatswain of the *Marigold.*	Lord Gen. Montague.	To like effect, with certificates of Jas. Ansdell and Geo. Kendall in his favour, 10 and 11 Jan. 1655–6.	52–54
„	John Huglyn -	Adm. Com.	For a warrant for the cook's place on the Blackamore, on which he has served 38 months, the whole voyage to Jamaica, but loses most of the benefit for want of the warrant. With certificate by John Willgress.	55, 56
„	Elizabeth, wife of Peter Hunking.	„	For a ticket for her husband's wages, held by Capt. Goodson of the Paragon, into which he was turned after being 13 months in the Rescue. Has nothing to maintain her 3 children.	57
„	Hen. Hunt - -	„	To renew his warrant as master carpenter of the Amity; has been 4 years in it and served many years.	58
„	Alice Hutton, widow	„	For an order to the Ordnance Officers to contract with her to supply leaden shot at 14*l.* 10*s.* a ton. Contracted 5 years to cast lead into shot and deliver it at the Tower at 3*l.* a ton, 5*s.* cheaper than others, but lead has fallen since.	59
„	Ant. Ibisson - -	„	For an order to the Treasury for payment of 102*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* for spruce deals, which were to be paid for at 3 months. Has lost much by the blowing up of his powder house at Wapping.	60
„	Abr. Jaggard -	„	For payment of 1,648*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* for salt—delivered on a contract with the Navy Victuallers, for want of which he is reduced to great straits—from the growing excise in Cheshire or elsewhere.	61
„	Sam. James - -	„	For employment as shipmaster, having so served many years - - - - - -	62
„	„ - -	„	For employment in the Narrow Seas; the Nonsuch, to which he was appointed, being bound for the Straits, for which he is not skilled.	63
„	Sam. James and 5 other pilots.	„	For advance of money, by order from the trustees of Trinity House. Undertook to serve his Highness in conducting a squadron for the Eastland parts, when all others refused; have served 3½ months, and had no pay.	64
„	Geo. Jaques, gunner	„	To be gunner of the Welcome, if she is going, or lieutenant on one of the vessels now speeding out, in recompense of faithful service.	65
„	„ „	„	For a gunner's place in the Raven. Has served 12 years - - - - - -	66
„	„ „	„	„ „ Mayflower, having been late on Beaver frigate - - -	67
„	Thos. Joyce - -	„	For a lieutenant's place. Has served 6 years at sea, and after long waiting, went on the Triumph and Dragon, expecting better preferment.	68
„	Thos. Judd - -	„	For release of Alex. de Croix, prisoner in Chelsea College, in his stead. Was taken by an Ostender and was long prisoner at Ostend, but released on parole, and his pass given in by Lieut.-Col. Elton.	69
„	Jenkin Lewis -	Gen. Montague.	To be purser under Capt. Thos. Lardge in the Lark, in which he has been 3 years steward -	70
„	Wm. Marriott -	Adm. Com.	For a steward's place, that of cook being too heavy when his servant was taken away. Has served 4 years under Capts. Thos. Marryott, Thos. Wilkes, &c.	71

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1657?	Geo. Martin, master of the *William and George of Newcastle.*	Adm. Com.	For release of Martin Manica, prisoner in Chelsea College, in exchange for himself, being taken prisoner by an Ostender, released on parole, his time nearly expired, and 5 masters bound for his exchange or return. Also for Mark Consalis in place of Wm. Robinson.	Vol. 176. 72
„	Thos. Milton - -	„	For command of a frigate. Has served 15 years; was at the reducing of the revolted fleet, in the engagements with the Dutch, in the Straits with Gen. Blake when the Spanish fleet was fired, and was lieutenant of the Sapphire, under Rear-Adm. Bourne, but Vice-Adm. Goodson dismissed him, on pretence that nothing was known of his faithfulness.	73
„	Rob. Moore, blacksmith, of *Gillingham,* prisoner in the *Gatehouse.*	„	For release on bail, to prove that 2½ tons of ironwork, value 72*l.* 10*s.*, seized from him was made of his own or his creditors' goods, without any purloining of State's goods. Has wrought 18 years for the navy at 29*l.* a ton, and the master smith has sold the goods to the State at 30*l.* 10*s.*	74
„	„ „	„	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	75
„	15 merchants trading to *Morlaix, France.*	„	For convoy for 3 ships, which will bring back linen value 60,000*l.*, the customs and excise on which will be 6,000*l.*, there being danger by pirates and enemies. Had a ship taken by the Dunkirkers last summer.	76
„	22 *Morlaix* merchants.	„	For a convoy for their ships, and the London Merchant, to stay at Morlaix 10 or 14 days, and to return.	77
„	14 merchants trading to *Portugal.*	„	For a convoy from Gravesend to Dartmouth, where they will take in fish, and thence to Oporto for 2 ships laden with woollen goods; had 2 valuable ships taken 2 months ago, and 5 English ships have been taken the last 5 months by the enemy.	78
„	Nich. Risdon, of *Wapping,* late master of the *Sampson.*	„	To be master of a ship. Has served 7 years, and under Capt. Wm. Hubard in Hispaniola did remarkable service. With note that he shall be regarded, as he was in the West Indies 20 years ago.	79
„	Ropemakers at *Woolwich.*	„	For payment. Are 6 months in arrears; there is much sickness, and they are greatly disadvantaged by running scores with "merciless chandlers and mealmen."	80
„	„ „	„	To like effect. Are 9 months in arrears, and their creditors will not wait for their money -	81
„	Ropemakers at *Woolwich* and *Chatham.*	„	For 2*s.* 3*d.* a day, as allowed to the ropemakers in London; have ponderous duties, night and day, often helping to carry ships about, and beg proportionable pay.	82
„	Hen. Rowe - -	Navy Com^rs^	For payment of the balance due to him as plasterer in the Navy Office. Has worked carefully and as cheaply as for a private person, but will submit to the judgment of others if anything is disputed.	83
„	John Taylor - -	Adm. Com.	To be cook on the Phœnix. Was cook of the Reserve till 12 months ago, when he fell ill; and employed a deputy, who died on board, and another cook has been appointed.	84

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1657?				Vol. 176.
„	Capt. Rob. Taylor -	Adm. Com.	For removal into one of the new frigates, as the Raven, which he commanded all the last expedition, though appointed one of the winter guard, will not be ready for a long time.	85
„	John Yeeles - -	„	To be clerk of the Cardiff, Abr. Buck, to whom they granted the place 6 weeks ago, not appearing to take it.	86
„	„ „	„	To be clerk of the Success, if Buck is retained on the Cardiff - - - - -	87
„	Wm. Yonger, late captain of the *Mary flyboat.*	„	For a command in the service, either in a ketch of 70 tons of his own, or in one of the State's ships.	88
„	„ „	„	For employment in his ketch or alone, wishing to serve his Highness and the Commonwealth -	89
„	Hen. Young, gunner of the *Unicorn.*	„	For a warrant to Wm. Butler to execute the place for him this voyage. Has served well through the wars, but has been 5 months ill, and being 70 years old, his sight and hearing fail.	90
„	John Young, shipwright, carpenter of the *Chesnut.*	„	To return to his place, the ketch being almost refitted. Served 22 months in her voyages to and from Jamaica.	91
„	11 Spanish and Flemish prisoners in *York Castle.*	„	To take them into the service, where they will serve as truly as any Englishman. Are far from their country, and have nothing but what is allowed them. Signed by Col. Edw. Salmon.	92

Papers relating to the Navy, Undated. ii.—Letters.

„				
„	Fras. Bacon - -	Major Beake.	To liberate Capts. Payne and Hare. Gen. Montague has promised his furtherance - -	93
„	John Horne - -	Hon. Edw. Montague.	To recommend him as a soldier to go on board the Laurel frigate - - - -	94
„	Rob. Land and 7 others.	Adm. Com.	Recommend Hen. Land, late captain of the 7 Brothers, who has been many years on merchant ships and 7 years at sea, to command a ship.	95
„	Mat. Meade - -	Navy Com^rs	Begs his full wages, having only received 5*l.*, and being ousted of employment and deprived of his good name by false accusations. Begs to explain his case in person.	96
„	John Tippetts, master shipwright at *Portsmouth.*	„	Details of repairs of the Ruby, Andrew, and Nonsuch. The Wakefield has gone for the Downs with the Spanish prisoners; 5 more vessels will soon be ready. With list of 82 Spanish prisoners taken by the Constant Warwick.	97, 98

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			Papers relating to the Navy, Undated. iii.—Certificates.	
1657 ?				Vol. 176.
„	Martin Noel and 4 others.	—	That Thos. Hale has served 12 years, and is fit to command one of the State's ships - -	99
„	Capt. Rich. Stayner	—	That Willoughby Hannam and Nath. Wilkinson have served courageously and faithfully many years, one as master and the other lieutenant.	100
„	Capt. John Bowrey, commander of the *Hunter fireship.*	—	That Job Hughes is fit to be steward of the ship - - - - - - -	101
„	Geo. Cole and 4 others.	—	That Jas. Malum, of the Elizabeth hoy, freighted at Tower Wharf with guns for the Gloucester, was run into by a mackerel boat on 27 May, and had her stern broken, and was in danger of sinking if the frigates had not helped her.	102
„	Thos. Clements, boatswain of the *Naseby.*	—	That John Rodds was yeoman of the Amity in the Portland fight, then of the James, and is fit to be boatswain of any 5th-rate ship.	103
„	Capt. John Parker -	—	That John Royston, now purser of the Truelove, has behaved well a year as clerk of the check -	104
				Vol. 177.
1657.	Comrs. for Sick and wounded, *Little Britain.*	Adm. Com.	Recommendations of the widows or other relatives of persons who have lost their lives in the State's service, for grants of money for their relief. 27 Jan.–5 Dec. 1657. [8 *papers*].	1–8
„	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Orders for making out bills for payment of 735*l.* weekly to John Bressie, treasurer for sick and maimed soldiers. 5 Jan.–28 Dec. 1657. [50 *papers.*]	9–59
„	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Notes enclosing weekly lists of all bills signed by them. 5 Jan. to 5 Oct. 1657; from 23 March the lists are missing. [42 *papers.*]	60–101
„	Officers on ships -	The Protector.	Bonds with 2 sureties, in sums varying from 200*l.* to 400*l.* each, for the faithful performance of their respective duties. 4 March–12 Oct. 1657. [9 *papers*].	102–110
				Vol. 178.
„	Adm. Com. - -	—	Warrants appointing officers on the State's ships and in the respective dockyards, during the year. [164 *papers.*]	1–164

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1657–8. Jan. 1	Charles Chubb, *Dunkirk.*	Andrew Willing, *Plymouth.*	Coming home from Portugal with a lading of figs, when off Plymouth, was taken by an Ostend man-of-war, who ran his ship aground, took the goods out of her, and then burnt her, and carried him to Dunkirk, where he is now confined in prison, and in a miserable condition. Having sent a note from the Admiralty Commissioners at Dunkirk, offering to release him in exchange for Paul Andema, a Spanish prisoner at Plymouth, desires he will see the Navy Commissioners and obtain an order for the release of Andema, on whose return to Dunkirk he will be set at liberty, but not before; also to send him 20*s.* or 30*s.* to buy clothes and food.	Vol. 187. 1
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Hears that the Biscay man-of-war was sunk by merchant ships outward bound. Hopes they will order speedy payment of his bills, as his stock and credit are strained to the utmost. Has given their order to Mr. Vinson for mustering the prisoners; having disbursed 65*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.* therein, hopes they will order the Commissioners of Prize Goods to pay it. Will journey towards Westminster 8 Jan. Arrival and departure of ships, and appointment of convoys.	2
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	The Fame having come in with the loss of her masts, sails, and rigging, will refit her with all speed. The Vulture will be ready for sea as soon as her victuals are on board.	3
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^ and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Taunton frigate and Falcon flyboat at Woolwich.	4
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Fowler, Judge-Advocate of the fleet, payable to Katherine, his wife, for his pay from the last payment, at 8*s.* a day.	5
„ 2	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 1,000*l.*, for carrying on the victualling affairs on the new Declaration for the present year, according to orders from Majors Thomson and Bourne, and Commissioner Willoughby.	6
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	„	Delivered their enclosure to the victualling agents; dispatch of ships - - - -	7
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, Jo. Dymock, *Portsmouth.*	„	In 1655, fitted the Portsmouth with shrouds, standing rigging, &c., which were of the best quality, and never had any complaints of the works of the ropemaker, nor of the fitting out of any ship; believe it has been and can be done as well at Portsmouth as at any other of the State's yards. She has no doubt been into some port since to refit, and might have then been recruited with whatever she wanted, without exposing her to so much danger; she had a spare hawser, which might have served for shrouds.	8

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1657–8. Jan. 2	Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Has been to West Beare Forest with others better acquainted with it, and finds there are two parts belonging to the State, the East and West Walks, and the Purlews are the interest of private gentlemen. In the West Walk there are the New and Old Copses, the former contains 60 acres, but wasted, the little left on it being of 30 years' growth, and valued at 90*l.* The new copse of 45 acres has some of 25 years' growth, valued at 200*l.*, but much spoil has been and still is made there daily, as no man has had charge of them for 12 or 14 years. Besides the waste made by the country, they decay through age, and it is judged that if they stand another year, they will not yield so much by 30*l.* as now. There are some few oaks and ashes in these copses which are not valued with the wood. In the West Walk are hundreds of trees decayed and only fit for wood, which may now be worth 600*l.* or 700*l.*, besides 100 timber trees of oak, and 30 ash fit for the use of the navy, but these are also decreasing, and will every year be worse. Advises to sell and convert the timber trees for the use of the navy, and dispose of the rest for the best price that can be obtained.	Vol. 187. 9
,, ,,	Anth. Wells, *Hull* -	Adm. Com.	Is requested by Capt. Pickering, who is still very ill, to thank them for giving him liberty to remain on shore until better, and to inform them that his frigate, having been cleaned and victualled, has returned to her station, under command of the master. Having supplied her with 7 weeks' victuals, desires an order accordingly. There are several Hull ships ready to sail for London.	10
,, 3	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Princess Maria, Harwich Water.*	,,	Received their order to the victualler, and will send his purser to Ipswich for the provisions; as his convoys want both victuals and men, fears he will be detained some time, but will hasten them.	11
,, 4	Capt. Thos. Bowry, the *Roe ketch, Yarmouth Roads.*	[Adm. Com.]	Has come in with 4 vessels from Lynn, and 4 from Boston; his ketch being foul, and having only 14 days' victuals left, desires orders. His gunner has been absent a month, having at first obtained leave to go on shore sick.	12
,, ,,	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	,,	Sends a letter from Capt. Wright of the Fame in Yarmouth Roads, of 27 Dec. that his chain plates having given way, his masts, sails, and rigging having gone, and his boat being staved, he has been forced to come in to repair. Will examine into the cause of the loss. The fishing boats will be ready to sail 1 Feb.	13, 14
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich.*	,,	The damage done to his frigate was not through any wilfulness of his company, but through the iron work giving way, and the breaking of the chain plates. It is true it did not blow hard when the masts went, but it did so in the night, and there was a great sea, which caused her to labour hard. Knows nothing of the petition sent, and cannot find that any warrant officer had anything to do with it, but it was done in the gun-room after the disaster. Hopes they will harbour no ill thoughts of him or his officers, and send him a copy of the petition, when he may discern the cause of such folly. Will hasten to his station as soon as refitted and victualled.	15

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Jan. 4	Lieut. Jno. Fugill, *Clifford Tower.*	Adm. Com.	Mustered the Flemish prisoners in York Castle, and used all means to ascertain whether any of them had any command or place when taken, but cannot hear that they had, except Jno. Levenitt, who was a cook.	16
„ „	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Spithead.*	„	Has come in for ballast, being ordered by Sir Rich. Stayner to ply between Cape de Hogue and the Ness for 10 days. The Reserve and Elias are at Spithead.	17
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Is sorry to trouble them so often about the sailcloth, but his desire to keep it up, now it has begun, and his weekly disbursements therein will not suffer him to be silent; begs that the moneys ordered him by the Admiralty Commissioners may be paid at once. The treasurer had orders to pay him 130*l.* and 160*l.*, but he has only received 80*l.*, and not a penny these 6 weeks, and a party to whom he gave a bill for 60*l.*, finding it had not been paid, has desired his friend at Weymouth not to trouble him with any more such bills.	18
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Victualling and repairs of ships - - - - - - - - - -	19
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Speaker, Downs.*	[Adm. Com.]	Has been prevented by the foul weather from going on shore to view the boats, but believes they are unserviceable, as Sir Rich. Stayner ordered that all that were serviceable should be fitted for such ships as were in want of any.	20
„ 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for refitting the Hawk ketch at Deptford with speed - - - - -	21
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for refitting and setting forth the Sapphire at Chatham - - - - -	22
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to allow Christ. Pett more caulkers at Woolwich, for finishing the great ship now building -	23
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Hawk ketch, as soon as she been refitted at Deptford and arrives in the Hope, reserving 3 months' in hand as accustomed.	24
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to draw up and send by the 12th inst. an account of what the charge of the navy has been and will amount to, from 1 Oct. 1656 to 1 Feb. 1657–8, showing what has been paid, and is or will be due for wages to ships' companies, what debts have been contracted for commodities brought into the stores, and what moneys are due for the salaries and wages of officers employed in the navy; with theo rdinary and extraordinary of the yards of Chatham, Portsmouth, Woolwich, and Deptford; also an exact account of moneys received within that time.	25
„ „	William Blaydes, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	The Pearl has sailed to her station, and will convoy the Hull ships for Winterton Ness. Capt. Pickering has been very ill with ague and jaundice, but is better; his officers have applied for 2 new cables, and there will be much need of them in the winter storms; desires order for their supply. Requests that the money now or hereafter due to him may be paid to the Commissioners of Customs in London, and remitted by them to the Commissioners at Hull, and that meantime Richard Elton, son of Lieut.-Col. Elton, may receive the money due on the bill mentioned in their letter.	26

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Jan. 5	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Tatnell, who has been put back by contrary winds with the ships bound out of the Channel, will send an account concerning the unequal proportion of victuals on board the Adventure, occasioned by supplies out of other ships in the Downs. The Sorlings and Bryer have sailed westward, and the President is ready to sail with ships bound for Bordeaux and Rochelle; there is a fleet waiting for a wind. Capt. Elliott is recovering.	27
„ „	Capt. Christ. Myngs, 10 leagues south of *Madeira.*	„	Has arrived thus far on his voyage with the 3 victuallers - - - - - -	28
„ „	Capt. Mic. Nutton, the *Norwich, Leith Road.*	„	Has just arrived with 10 Scotch vessels under his convoy, and will proceed with them to Yarmouth Roads as ordered by Gen. Monk.	29
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth, Deptford.*	„	Is about to haul on shore to tallow, and as he will be ready for his victuals, and the victualler has no order, has sent up his purser for it.	30
„ 6	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Princess Maria, Harwich Water.*	„	Sends a certificate from Abra. North, that he took charge of the Princess Maria the 3rd ult. as pilot, and proceeded on her voyage towards Sweden, but meeting with contrary winds, and not being able to keep the sea, was forced to return to Harwich; and that as the Elbe and all other harbours belonging to the King of Sweden are now so much frozen, he dares not take further charge, and desires to be dismissed. Has since waited for a wind to proceed on the voyage, but as all pretending any knowledge of that country affirmed it would be impossible to land the soldiers either at the Elbe, Lister Deeps, or any other port in Sweden, until the end of March, the rivers being frozen up at 4 or 5 leagues distance, the soldiers have been put on shore, but their commanders have not agreed as to victualling them until they hear from Lord Gen. Fleetwood.	31, 32
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Humber.*	„	Has been cruising on his station off Flamborough Head, but cannot hear of any of the enemy's men-of-war, nor have any been seen since the Mary prize was taken. As there are no ships at Newcastle, it being the worst time of the year, intends to go to Yarmouth for a spare topmast, and some fresh water, having several of his men sick.	33
„ 7	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Robert Sewell, in-storekeeper at Chatham, for 15*l.* for his care in discharging the duties of out-storekeeper there for 6 months ending 31 Dec. last.	34
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to examine a letter of advice enclosed from Ben. Firmass, of Boston, New England, and 5 bills of exchange annexed, drawn by him on the Admiralty Commissioners, for timber, spars, tar, &c., purchased and shipped in the Golden Falcon in New England, for the forces in Jamaica, by order of Lieut.-Gen. Brayne, Adm. Wm. Goodson, and Governor Stoakes, and to make out bills for payment of what is due.	35, 36

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Jan. 7	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has been cruising between Orfordness and Yarmouth Roads, but having spent his mast and split his sails through the foul weather, was forced into Harwich for a supply; will hasten back to his station.	37
,, ,,	Sir Rich. Stayner -	,,	Will transfer the provisions from the Portland to the Convert, and send them to Capt. Sparling; the Convert is very fit for that squadron, as she rides well, and draws little water. The Foresight has arrived, and as she has only 13 days' victuals, will send for some to Dover, where there is now a good supply. The vessels there are all ready to sail the first wind; Mr. White has taken great care therein, but their commanders are very careless, especially that of the Bramble, and Capt. Street, who are the worst that go there. The Indiamen and other ships with them bound to Guinea have sailed. Will send, as ordered by his Highness, to Mardike, for the 5 companies of soldiers who last went over.	38
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Vulture, Harwich.*	,,	Having cleaned and victualled for 10 weeks, will hasten to Yarmouth Roads, and ply between the Maas of Holland and Yarmouth.	39
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich Water.*	,,	The damage done to the Fame was caused by a great sea, the variableness of the winds, and the slightness of the weather chain plates, which all broke save one, and that broke the shroud. Had just then set the topsail, and hoisting it, the mast went by the board; was forced to cut the gear that held it to save the frigate from further damage. Has now got in his mainmast, and after taking in another months' provisions, will hasten to his station.	40
,, 8	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	,,	Sheriff White has sent away the cup to find its value, and Jas. Phillips is bringing up the examinations. Cannot learn what has become of the jewels. Supplies of ships.	41
,, ,,	Phineas Pett, Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Are preparing an account of the charge of the naval affairs from 1 Oct. 1656 to 1 Feb. next, but find it so intricate they doubt if they will be able to send it next Monday as ordered.	42
,, 9	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order for refitting the Assurance for service in the Channel - - - - -	43
,, ,,	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Refitting of ships - - - - - - - - - - - -	44
,, ,,	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Has often advised them that he agreed to give the sailmakers 18*d.* per yard cash for the best sort of sailcloth, the charge of packing, loading, carriage, and risk to be borne by the State, and that as he acted on commission, and not by contract, and the commission was so small, he could not be at the risk of sending it up to the stores. Has now 200 packs ready to send, either to Portsmouth or Deptford, and the charge and risk must be theirs. If these terms are not approved of, desires order to desist, for as things now stand, he has little encouragement to proceed. No man will accept his bills, payment having been so long delayed, and when money has been ordered, none has been paid; has only received 80*l.* out of the 290*l.* last ordered, and for the last 6 weeks, has not had a penny. Desires, if he is to keep up the manufacture, that better order may be taken; his disbursements are constant, and he never draws before he is in disburse.	45

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Jan. 9	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Arrival, repair, and sailing of ships - - - - - - - - -	46
„ 10	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Weymouth Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has received his provisions, also 2 iron demi-cannon from Thos. Newberry, Deputy Ordnance storekeeper at Portsmouth, to transport to Jersey, and an order from Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, master of Attendance, to bring 2 brass ones back. Hopes they are not displeased by his not omitting the performance of the order in behalf of Major Harding.	47
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	„	Has not sent up the Portland or the Convert and Half Moon at Mardike, owing to the bad weather, but will do so the first opportunity; the small frigates are yet detained in Dover Pier. Is getting very short of provisions, most of the ships not having above 8 days' left, except the Speaker; will be forced to take some out of her when the weather will allow.	48
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *Deal.*	Navy Com^rs	Went on shore on the 5th inst. with Sir Rich. Stayner and Capt. Ames, and with the aid of 2 carpenters, surveyed the boats, and found that 5 may be made serviceable, and 7 not; those cast not being worth above 7*l.*, it would be best to order Mr. Culmer to sell them by inch of candle. The wind having come up at N.E. and E.N.E., they have been forced ever since to stay on shore, to their great trouble, but all the ships have hitherto rode it out very well.	49
„ „	Anth. Wells, *Hull* -	Adm. Com.	Received their order for 7 weeks' victuals. Capt. Pickering died this morning - - -	50
„ 11	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for refitting the Mermaid for service in the Channel - - - - - -	51
„ „	John Browne - -	„	Sends an account of the stores issued to officers of ships since his last, as also of what are required, and desires a speedy supply.	52
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	„	Reiterates his entreaties for money. Will dispatch the 20 bales of sailcloth to Deptford or Portsmouth by the first frigate that arrives, but is now resolved to give over, as it is not worth his commission and trouble to be in constant weekly disburse with his own money, and reimbursed with so much trouble and long waiting. Besides all that, if he waited, knows not how to refurnish, as no man at Weymouth will accept his bills.	53
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has sent up the Portland to Woolwich, under his lieutenant and a man whom he has appointed as master, and recommends them for employment.	54
„ „	„ „	„	The weather having changed, the Half Moon and Convert have sailed for Mardike and the Portland for Woolwich. Has taken provisions out of the Portland and Speaker, and sent to Dover for a supply for 350 men for 14 days, but is still in great want, and knows not what to do, as the ships rely on him for a supply; the weather being various, he is in the greater straight. Encloses an account for provisions on board the ships. Movements of ships.	55
„ „	Jonas Shish, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	Asks an order to enter 15 more shipwrights to hasten the work, the mast-makers having taken 15 off to make masts for the ships at Woolwich; has only 37 left to fit 4 ships for sea.	55A

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Jan. 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Upshon for 50*l.* paid by Sir Thos. Dickenson, Lord Mayor of York, to Lieut. Fugill, for maintenance of Flemish prisoners in York Gaol. Noted that the bill was passed.	56
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Robt. Turpin for 200*l.* on account, for the use of sick and wounded seamen, to be paid on warrants from the Commissioners for sick and wounded seamen.	57
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for refitting the Selby frigate for service in the Channel - - - - -	58
„ „	Jno. Banks, *London.*	Adm. Com.	Asks payment of 1800*l.* or 1,000*l.* on account of what is due to him, being much straitened, and not having had his proportion with others 6 weeks since.	59
„ „	Hen. Osgood, *Pearl, Humber.*	„	Is about to convoy 6 ships bound for London to Yarmouth Roads, by order of the governor of Hull, and will then return to his station. As his commander, Capt. Wm. Pickering, has died, and he has been in the service many years, and been master of the Pearl for 2 years, hopes they will grant him a commission to command her.	60
„ „	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Cheriton, Hope.*	„	Sailed from Deptford the 11th inst., and proceeded to the Hope, where he is staying for the paymaster to come down to pay the men.	61
„ „	Capt. Jno. Pearce, *Lily, Plymouth.*	„	Convoyed a vessel to Dieppe, by order of Sir Rich. Stayner, as also others bound for Rye, but being separated by stress of weather, and having received some damage, was forced into Plymouth. A survey has been made of his defects, and when made good, will return to his station.	62
„ „	Jonas Shish - -	Navy Com^rs	Desires order to enter 10 more men to complete the works on the Assurance before she is launched, as it will save money to do so.	63
„ „	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Assistance, Dunkirk Road.*	Capt. Geo. Ford, of the *Merlin.*	As you have been long out, you are to repair to Deptford, leaving your boat here for use of the Assistance, but lest you need a boat, I deliver you our small boat, which, though out of repair, can carry an anchor.	64
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Santa Casearus Road, Nantes.*	„	Has just arrived with his convoy, after much difficulty, having had very bad weather. Hearing the ship with the brandy has been put on shore by the ice at Penbeefe and bulged, would have gone to her to-night in his boat, but the river is so full of ice there is no passing; will try to-morrow, and render all the assistance he can.	65
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Cleaning, victualling, and sailing of ships - - - - - - - -	66
„ 13	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Bramble, Dunkirk Road.*	Adm. Com.	Did not waste any time in Dover Harbour; has commanded a small vessel for nearly 7 years, and if any man can charge him with one day's wilful neglect, desires no favour. Left Dunkirk Road 16 Dec., and arrived at Dover next day, when he commenced to tallow the ship and set the bowsprit, and the carpenters finished the 24th. After that, had to wait for his beer, provisions, and a wind, and returned to Dunkirk on the 2nd inst., so that they may judge if there has been any neglect.	67

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Jan. 13	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	The Fame has sailed for the Downs, and the Elizabeth for Yarmouth Roads - - -	68
„ „	Jno. Davies - -	Navy Com^rs	Account of tar, pitch, rosin, and train oil in the stores at Deptford, and of what additional quantity may be received.	69
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Sends a letter from Capt. Taylor desiring leave to enter 100 more men, so as to be able to launch the new frigate in March, and dispatch other ships in the dock; hopes his request will be complied with.	70, 71
„ 14	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to examine the accounts of Rich. Browne, of Pembroke, for tallowing the Lizard and Basing at Milford, and make out a bill for what is due.	72
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London*, [*Downs*].	Robt. Blackborne.	The Newcastle having returned from the Brill, and there being extraordinary occasions for ships in the Channel, has sent her to lie between the Isle of Wight and Beachy for 14 days; and the Eaglet having come in from Mardike has sent her to Deptford, and ordered her books to be taken to the Navy Office. Major-Gen. Overton and 6 others having arrived last night, has sent them in the Elias to Jersey and Guernsey to be secured. If he is not to come in, will want to come to London for a few days, his wife being very sick.	73
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	Having received orders from his Highness to send more ships into the Channel and on the coast than he can, gives particulars of what ships are in the Downs and how he intends distributing them; wishes he had more. A Londoner from the Straits spoke the Phœnix off Cape de Gatt, who reported the fleet to be in good plight.	74
„ 15	Capt. Jno. Baskett, the *Wakefield*, *Spithead.*	„	Has convoyed several vessels for the Downs and had very rough weather; his frigate becoming very foul, and his provisions running short, applied to Capt. Thorowgood, at Portsmouth, but he would do nothing without directions, and ordered him to the Downs. Will procure some provisions for present subsistence, and wait commands.	75
„ „	Hen. Osgood, *Pearl*, *Harwich.*	„	Convoyed 5 laden ships towards London, by order of the governor of Hull, but was forced into Harwich by contrary winds. Has received some necessaries from Mr. Browne, the storekeeper, but has great want of cables. Will return to his station with all speed; hopes they will consider his application made on announcing his captain's death.	76
„ 16	Rich. Cord, mariner	„	Petition to sign his ticket for his wages, having served on the George and being left sick at Cascales, where he remained 6 months, and to have some allowance for his loss of time. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners, to sign his ticket if equitable.	77
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to refit the Merlin frigate at Deptford - - - - - - -	78
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to Thos. Raine, late chaplain of the Assurance, notwithstanding he had no warrant.	79
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Merlin at Deptford - -	80

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Jan. 16	Thos. Bambrough, *Hull.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has shipped 5 cwt. of hemp in the God Speed for London, by order of Wm. Rowden, of Cawood; the 16 packs shipped in the John Mould were sunk at the mouth of the Humber, coming for London; has recovered some of it, and as it is all wet, has hired a close to dry it in.	Vol. 187. 81
„ „	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Is convoying 4 merchant ships to the Maas, by order of Major Burton, and will then return to the Downs.	82
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	Delivered their order to the commander of the Princess Mary. The Fame did not reach the Downs, but was forced to anchor in Hoseley Bay. The Roe ketch and Pearl have come in to refit.	83
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	The Dragon has gone to Spithead, but wants the remainder of her beer. Refitting, victualling, and sailing of other ships.	84
„ „	Christ. Pett, Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Certify, at request of Rich. Howell, that there should be a supply of *lignum vitæ* shivers, of from 6 to 12 inches long, in the stores for fitting out ships.	85
„ „	Capt. Mark Harrison, John Legassich, surgeon, and Capt. John Best.	—	Certify that John Heumes served in the Sampson, and was wounded in the engagement off Portland, and that the wound broke out afresh after $2\frac{1}{2}$ years' service in the West Indies.	86, 87
„ 17	Capt. Wm. Barker, *Lizard, Catwater.*	Adm. Com.	Has convoyed several ships and had rough weather, and has just arrived at Plymouth with the remainder; after receiving a supply of stores from Capt. Hatsell's agent, will return to his station.	88
„ 18	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Caldy Road.*	„	After receiving his provisions at Milford, stood over for the Irish coast, and plied about until he had orders at Kinsale to convoy some vessels bound for Plymouth; but meeting with very foul weather, and not being able to carry his mainsail, they became separated. Sends lists of boatswains', gunners', and carpenters' stores required.	89–91
„ „	Capt. Rich. Hodges, *Basing, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Showed their letter to Capt. Hatsell's clerk, who promised what assistance the stores would afford; on receipt thereof, will return to his station.	92
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Penbeefe, Nantes.*	„	Is forced ashore by the ice in the River, but in a very good place, and has struck all his guns into hold. Has been to see the Francis and Mary, also put ashore on the same account, and found her not in bad condition, as, although she is set upon rocks, there are hopes she will come well off, and by taking out her goods to repair her damage, she may perform the voyage.	93
„ 19	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	„	Would have waited on them had not public affairs detained him. There are 2 bills of exchange for 714*l.* drawn on them for cordage bought at Ipswich for ready money, and the contractors expect it; is not accustomed to such language as he receives from them, and begs an order for payment, as also a bill of imprest for 450*l.* for carrying on naval affairs at Harwich; asks this for the public interest.	94

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Jan. 19	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Came to Hull expecting to find the frigate, but she is gone with some ships for Yarmouth Boads, by order of the governor, who advises him to wait her return.	95
„ „	Ordnance officers -	„	Desire order to the treasurer for payment of their 2 quarter books, due 4 Dec., being much importuned by the labourers, who are in great want.	96
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London*, *Downs.*	„	The Foresight and Colchester having come in from their stations, has ordered them a supply of provisions, which will exhaust all sent. Has directed Capt. Bevan to ply on Capt. Coleman's station, and will order Coleman, with the rest of the frigates, to ply westward, so as to intercept the enemy. A ship of Holland from the Canaries has been brought in by the Maidstone, and as she is very rich, will send her into the River. Asks directions as to the North Sea fishermen.	97
„ „	Jno. Vander Hoede, *London.*	„	Hopes they will order payment for the hemp he delivered to the Navy Commissioners for ready money 7 months since, that he may pay his debts and bills of exchange; will greatly suffer in his credit else.	98
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order—on an order from the Protector and Council—to make out a bill, on a bill of exchange by Lieut.-Gen. Brayne, for 11*l.* 10*s.*, payable to Vice-Adm. Lawson.	99
„ „	„ - -	„	Like order for a bill for 67*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.* payable to Capt. Geo. Dakins - - - -	100
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for entering such additional workmen at the yard at Chatham as they, with Capt. Taylor, master shipwright, may think necessary, for the more speedily carrying on the works there; not to exceed 100, and not to be continued beyond 31 March.	101
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out bills of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 3,000*l.* a week for 4 weeks, commencing 28 Dec. last, for carrying on the victualling affairs upon the new Declaration for this next year, to be issued by him on orders of Majors Thomson and Bourne and Commissioner Willoughby.	102
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Portland at Woolwich - -	103
„ 20	„ - -	„	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Eaglet ketch at Deptford -	104
„ „	Wm. Burton, junr., *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has examined the cause of the chain plates of the Fame giving way, whereby she lost her masts, sails, yards, &c., overboard, and agrees with the enclosed certificate of her officers and company, that it was owing to their weakness in a high sea, and not by any inordinate means used. If wind and weather permits, she will sail to-morrow, with a fleet bound to London, as far as Harwich, and then return to Yarmouth Roads.	105, 106
„ „	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Dragon*, *Spithead.*	„	Is nearly ready, and will sail for the Downs to-morrow - - - - - -	107

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Jan. 20	Jas. Hinds, *Tower Ditch.*	Adm. Com.	Being prevented from going to sea through sickness, recommends his gunner, Robt. Barr, for employment.	Vol. 187. 108
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Col. Clerke	Is sorry to hear of his indisposition. Has acquainted Capt. Hatsell about the sailcloth; as there is 104*l.* due, and he is in daily disburse, asks an order for 150*l.* or 200*l.*	109
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sailing of ships. The victualling agent has promised to send 40 tons of provisions on board the Essex, if weather permits, by Saturday.	110
„ 22	Capt. Abra. Allgate, the *Oxford, Plymouth.*	„	Advised Capt. Hatsell of his arrival, and the condition of his ship, having only 9 days' provisions and then put to sea to ply about until they were expended; but meeting with foul weather, put into Plymouth Sound, and applied to Capt. Heaton, commander-in-chief of the squadron, who advised him to go into Catwater, to clean and refit his furnaces. As there are no persons in the place who will supply anything without order, and as his ship requires caulking, stores, and 4 or 6 extra guns, asks directions how to proceed.	111
„ „	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Forester, Catwater.*	„	After coming from King's Road, finding his frigate very tender-sided, put into Plymouth, and had more ballast and a month's provisions; she now sails well, but she would be much helped if her furnaces were shifted from the forecastle to between decks, her guns exchanged, and she tallowed and caulked.	112
„ „	„ „	[Navy Comrs.]	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	113
„ „	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail to his station and convoy several vessels belonging to Lynn. Has been waiting for provisions from Ipswich and a wind.	114
„ „	Wm. Burton, Junr., *Yarmouth.*	„	As Capt. Fras. Allen, of the Advice, was making for Yarmouth Roads, it became so suddenly thick, through a fall of snow, that he was forced to come to anchor; when it cleared, finding he was so near the sands, he cut the best bower cable, and left part of it with the anchor behind; as they are well buoyed, will endeavour to recover and return them to him.	115
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	„	Account of victuals received and distributed amongst the ships. Will observe their directions about the Dartmouth and Half Moon; the latter has the soldiers on board at Mardike, but is detained by the wind. Capt. Butler having sailed with his convoys, could not send up his journal, but will do so if forced into any English port. The North Sea fishermen again desire an answer to their application for a convoy. Thanks for leave to come to London on his own affairs.	116
„ 23	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Dublin.*	„	Carried over the Members of Parliament from Dublin to Beaumaris, and while there, the Earl of Turnuth arrived, whom he had order to carry to Dublin, if going that way while he stayed there. Is now going to Milford to revictual, and will then return to Dublin.	117
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	„	Received their order for the victualling agent. Particulars of ships - - - -	118

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1657–8. Jan. 24	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice*, *Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	After much rough weather, convoyed, by order of Gen. Monk, a fleet from the Forth, bound for London and France, as far as Winterton Ness, when he became separated through a heavy fall of snow, and was forced to anchor, but the fleet, being small vessels, gained the Roads. Finding when it cleared he was near the sands, cut his cable and ran into the Roads, and sent a vessel to recover his anchor and cable, which have been returned by Capt. Wilkinson.	Vol. 187. 119
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston*, *Burlington Bay.*	„	Since coming from the Humber, has been forced to keep at sea through the tempestuous winds, whereby he has received some damage, and his men are sick; hopes all will be remedied when he arrives at Harwich to refit and victual.	120
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London*, *Downs.*	„	Has appointed the Foresight to transport Lord Litchfield to Dieppe, and sent the Half Moon with the soldiers from Mardike up the River; desires orders may be sent to her at Gravesend. The Princess Maria would be fit for a convoy to the North Sea fishermen, if victualled at Harwich. Particulars of ships.	121
„ 25	Hen. Osgood, *Pearl*, *Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Has been lying windbound, with a fleet of ships going northwards, for the last 5 days - -	122
„ „	Capt. Jas. Strutt, *Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires they will not pay the wages of his servant, Thos. Quoites, to his mother until he has seen them; has not dealt so cruelly with him as reported, by giving him 24 blows and keeping him a fortnight in the bilboes. Admits giving him 3 for running away at Lisbon, 3 for telling his boatswain a lie that he had leave to go on shore, and 3 more for selling his clothes off his back, getting drunk, and swearing, which 9 blows he acknowledged before Sir Rich. Stayner that he deserved. Paid 4 pieces of 8 to release him from a Portuguese he shipped himself with, for a voyage to Brazil, and he having told the mate he would find another opportunity to get away, detained him 5 days in the bilboes, so as to bring him home to his mother, as if he had not done so, she said she would have torn his heart out.	123
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard*, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival, repair, and sailing of ships - - - - - - - - -	124
„ „	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Constant Warwick*, *Spithead.*	„	Has come in from the Downs, by direction of Sir Rich. Stayner, for a new mainmast, which Capt. Thorowgood has had order to supply; hopes to resail on Wednesday.	125
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth*, *Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Has delivered the 2 cables to the Advice, and notice to the captain to clean and revictual at Hull. There are 20 merchant ships in the Roads bound for Newcastle and Scotland waiting for a wind. Begs a remove.	126

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Jan. 25	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Received their orders, and one from Mr. Burton, to convoy several vessels to Harwich, which he has performed, and is now going to cruise on his station for 4 or 5 days.	127
„ 26	Mary, wife of Geo. Pitman, boatswain of the *Tredagh.*	„	Petition for the signing and paying of a written ticket sent to her by her husband on account of his wages, which the Navy Commissioners refuse to sign as not being printed. With order to the Navy Commissioners to examine the matter, and grant her a ticket for 12 months' pay on account of her husband's wages, if reasonable.	128
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Rich. Creed, Deputy-Treasurer of the Fleet, for 75*l.*, to be issued by him on orders from the Generals.	129
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to Jno. Gardiner, late master of the Portland - - -	130
„ „	Capt. Abra. Allgate, the *Oxford, Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires a supply of tickets, so as to relieve the wants of his men, whose complaints are great; his surgeon wants a supply for his chest. Will soon be ready to sail.	131
„ „	Peter Dulcer, mariner of *Jersey.*	The Protector.	Petition for payment of the wages of David Williams, late mariner in the Bear, who, before his death at Jamaica, made a will bequeathing all he possessed to him, which will has since been proved, and a reference and order made to the Navy Commissioners to pay the wages due to the deceased to him, but they refused to give him more than one third, alleging that the deceased had a brother; if he has a right to one 3rd, according to law he has a right to the whole. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners, to give due satisfaction for the said wages to the petitioner, whose right it is by his executorship, the will being duly proved, or certify the reasons why they detain the same.	132
„ „	Capt. Jno. Baskett, the *Wakefield, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Got into Harwich after much danger and difficulty, owing to the bad weather, and the sea being so full of snow that he could not make his marks ere he came upon the Sheepwash Sands, and was for one hour in from 15 to 18 feet of water. Is now tallowing the frigate, but will not move until the weather breaks; his provisions have to come from Ipswich, and no boat can come within 3 miles of the place by reason of the ice. If Capt. Thorowgood had had the same respect for their order of 24 Oct. last as Mr. Browne at Harwich had, the frigate might have been in present employment, while now she must continue until the weather alters.	133
„ „	Elinor, wife of Wm. Coale, surgeon of the *Jersey.*	„	Petition that the Navy Commissioners may be directed to sign a written ticket sent her by her husband for a portion of his wages, for support of herself and family, which they refuse because it is not printed, and the Treasurer refuses payment, because it is a re-entered ticket. With order to the Navy Commissioners to examine the ticket, and if it appears right, to give order for payment, although it is not printed.	134

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1657–8. Jan. 26	Gaspar Coppens, *York Castle Gaol.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order for his release on exchange, as formerly ordered by them. Is a Fleming, and a surgeon, and has been kept a prisoner-of-war 10 months, having incurred debts for meat, drink, and lodging, expecting money from Ostend; is now totally frustrated of everything, and likely to perish.	Vol. 187. 135
„ „	„ „	Sec. of the Adm. Com.	Desires him to procure the order for his release, and show mercy to a distressed prisoner - -	136
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Will give all despatch to the Wakefield, which was ordered in by the commander-in-chief in the Downs, to be refitted and victualled.	137
„ „	Capt. Ri. Hodges, *Plymouth.*	„	Sends an account of the expenditure of the gunners' stores as ordered. A large quantity of the powder was damaged through a leak, and the water getting into the powder room; it was viewed by Capt. Hatsell's kinsman. Is returning to his station.	138
„ „	Capt. Joseph Larke, *Little Britain.*	„	In obedience to their order to muster the prisoners in Chelsea College weekly, was there yesterday, and having called over those in health, viewed those that were not, and finding none had died or been discharged since his last muster, deemed it more proper to give this breviat than the trouble of a muster roll.	139
„ „	Martin Noel, *Old Jewry.*	„	Renews a former request on behalf of Jno. Du Pont, of Canterbury, an honest man, taken by an Ostend man-of-war, and carried there prisoner, but released on parole by the Admiralty Commissioners at Dunkirk, on condition that Francis Renier, mariner of Dunkirk and prisoner at Plymouth, is set at liberty.	140
„ „	David Dolle - -	„	Petition for the said exchange; Du Pont having some business in Holland, instructed him to endeavour to procure Renier's release.	141
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	„	Arrival and departure of ships; a hoy is ready with provisions for the fort at Mardike. The North Sea fishermen of 22 sail will be ready to depart 1 March; they fish alone and not with those of Yarmouth.	142
„ 27	Wm. Burton, jun., *Yarmouth.*	„	Has recovered and returned the bower anchor and cable belonging to the Advice - -	143
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	„	Repair and sailing of ships. The victualling agent desires an order for 14 days' provisions supplied to the Wakefield; he will not accept any purser's receipts without an order, which is very detrimental to the service, as ships often come to Spithead and have not one day's victuals left, and if not immediately supplied, would have to send to London, and be put to much inconvenience. Desires instructions, as he never supplies unless the captain testifies to the great necessity.	144

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Jan. 28	Capt. Wm. Barker, the *Lizard, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Plymouth with Mr. Butler and a vessel of North Yarmouth; saw them safe into Milford, and put on shore there all his old cables, sails, &c., pestering the frigate; would have done this at Plymouth but they would not receive them. His purser has remained behind at Plymouth, and much neglected his duty; as there are only 8 days' necessaries on board, will supply them himself till there be a remedy, either by reproving the purser or discharging him and appointing another.	Vol. 187. 145
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clay, *Sapphire, Queenborough Swale.*	„	Sailed from Chatham the 26th, and wanting some of his men who were left behind, anchored near Queenborough for the night, and then sailed for the Downs; but the wind changing, has been forced to anchor again.	146
„ „	Rich. Gerrard -	„	Account of disbursements by Col. Roger Allsop, Marshal-General, for allowances to Spanish prisoners in his custody at Chelsea College; as also to Capt. Edw. Cottrell, an Englishman, from 26 Nov. 1657 to 28 Jan. 1657–8 at 4*d.* a day each, with extras for coals, candles, repairs, &c., total, 215*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.*, and including balance of a former account, 231*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*	147
„ „	Rich. Shute, *London*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Mr. Hubbert, late master of the Speaker, for preferment, he having been in divers encounters against the Dutch, and behaved very gallantly. Is informed by the inhabitants of Portsmouth that he is a godly man, and of great resolution and ability, but very modest, so did not use means for his own advancement.	148
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Appointed Capt. Motham of the Foresight to convoy several vessels bound westward to Plymouth, and to deliver orders to Capt. Blake and the commanders of the other frigates cruising in the Channel, to stay out for 8 days longer. Presumes Capt. Sparling has given an account of the Colchester meeting with a frigate from Dunkirk, which was forced to heave her boat, &c., overboard, and put before the wind to escape. Hopes they will be mindful of his coming to London, as his occasions are very great.	149
„ 29	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Hull.*	„	Capt. Wilkinson has recovered and returned his anchor and cables. Asks an order to the victualler at Hull to supply him with provisions, and to the Governor to provide quarters for 10 of his men, who are ill through the extreme weather; also for a man to look after them, the former one having lately died.	150
„ „	Capt. Peter Foote, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires order for sailing, and appointment of Mr. Andrews, whose certificates have been sent up, as his chaplain.	151
„ „	Capt. Nich. Parker, *Bryer, Catwater.*	„	While with the Gainsboro' off Scilly, in chasing a man-of-war, lost his mainmast, and sprung his foremast, so that he was compelled to come in to refit. Believes the Gainsboro' has taken her, as he saw her maintopmast go by the board while the Gainsboro' was near her.	152

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1657–8. Jan. 29	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone*, *Spithead*.	Adm. Com.	Has been plying between Cape de Hogue and the Isle of Wight, with the Tiger and Elizabeth, by order of Sir Rich. Stayner, but has not met with anything worth their knowledge, save a ship in the company of a Dutch fleet off Beachy from the Canaries, which he followed to the Isle of Wight, and found her manned with Dutch and Portuguese, and the goods they pretended belonged to English merchants, but there was only one English merchant in her, who desired a convoy to the Downs, doubting lest the Dutchmen might carry the ship elsewhere, there being a quantity of silver and other rich goods on board; appointed the Tiger to see her to the Downs. Chased a small Ostender for 2 hours, but lost her on the coast of France. On the night of the 26th instant, there being a very thick fog, the Tiger in tacking came foul of the Maidstone, and broke both their heads, and the Maidstone's bowsprit; being both disabled, they have come to Spithead to repair. There was no neglect or wilful mistake in either ship. Has had a survey taken, and they cannot be repaired unless they come into harbour. Has only 3 weeks' victuals, and has been off the ground 5 months.	Vol. 187. 153
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	Account of the late collision. Is thankful the ships escaped with no more damage, being forced many times to bear sail for life. Has observed the Commissioners' orders prohibiting the signing of any but printed tickets.	154
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard*.	Adm. Com.	As the Maidstone and Tiger have come to Spithead to repair, and must be brought into dock, desires order to clean and revictual them. The Essex put to sea with a convoy bound for the Downs, but was forced back by the weather.	155
" "	Major Jno. Wade, *Little Dean*.	"	When last with them, the Navy Commissioners moved them to give an order for some money to Mr. Furzer, the State's purveyor in Dean Forest, but if such should now come, cannot pay any of it to him, having an order from the Protector and Council to pay 1,500*l.* to Lord Maynard, and other sums to other persons. Furzer is in great distress for money, not having had any for a long time, and the sad condition of his workmen causes them to complain daily for their wages, so that he does not know where to show his face; if an order is not speedily sent, the public work must fall to the ground, and he be cast into prison, or leave the country. He has written the Navy Commissioners several times, but cannot get any answer; as he has been a faithful and careful man, desires some speedy course may be taken to supply him with money, until some may be had out of the profits of the iron work; asks his own discharge on his last account.	156
" "	Hen. Osgood, *Pearl*, *Humber*.	"	Sailed from Yarmouth Roads with a fleet bound for Bordeaux and Hull; saw them safe, and put into the Humber for the remainder of his provisions, and to find his captain, but he was gone to Scarborough to look for them.	157

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1657–8. Jan. 30	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Went to Scarborough expecting the Pearl would be there, but hearing she was at the Humber, went to Hull, where he met her. Finding she had but 7 days' bread, though plenty of other stores, went to the victualler, who promised to send sufficient new bread for 7 days, so as to carry him to Ipswich to obtain more; will then proceed to his station, calling weekly at Scarborough for orders.	Vol. 187. 158
„ „	Capt. Peter Motham, *Foresight, Cowes Road.*	„	While convoying ships westward, and for Plymouth and Falmouth, was forced on the coast of France by a violent storm; but by the aid of Providence, escaped, and has now safely arrived with them at the Isle of Wight.	159
„ „	Thos. Raine - -	„	Petition for an order for his reappointment as minister of the Assurance, she being about to proceed to sea again. With certificate by Capt. Phil. Holland and 6 others,	160, 161
„ „	Capt. Rich. Streate, *Dover.*	„	Has never neglected his duty by staying too long in harbour, and always certified his reasons for going in; the causes of his coming in on the last 3 occasions were to land soldiers from Mardike, to revictual, and to obtain a new mast. Particulars of his proceedings in convoying ships by order of Sir Rich. Stayner, and other services.	162
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition.*	„	The ship with the brandy which was put on shore was got off, but has again been forced on by the ice in the river, and as she will have to wait for the tides, and a large portion of her lading will have to be taken out to get her on smooth ground, it will be 14 days before she will be ready to resail. Is willing to perform the service ordered, but has only 19 days' provisions; has been on short allowance 10 days, and has 30 men sick, and others falling ill daily. Has hauled his ship off the ground, and all is well concerning her.	163
„ „	Capt. Jas. Grymesditch.	—	Certificate of the good conduct of Thos. Hampson, minister of the Princess Mary - -	164
Jan.	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships for the 5th, 11th, 17th, and 29th instant -	165–168
Feb. 1	Adm. Judges of Ostend.	„	We sent you a list of your prisoners whom we have set at liberty, with those of ours whom we claim in exchange, but as yet not one has arrived. Yet counting on your promise, we send you another list, among whom are merchants and passengers, whom we have counted only as one man, hoping you will do the same as to ours. Pray send those whom we name, for our prisoners complain that their jailers send those whom they think good. Our Flemish captains have taken in Biscay and keep your 10 or 12 shipmasters, to exchange with the prisoners taken by Capt. Adrian Cots at Plymouth, and others. In pity to our prisoners, we will have all these released, if you will release all ours. With lists of 19 English prisoners, and of 6 Flemings at Chelsea College, and 13 at Plymouth.	Vol. 188. 1–3

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Feb. 1	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Humber.*	Adm. Com.	Has been cruising on the coast, and some Hull merchants desiring convoy for their ships to London, has been waiting for their coming down, but the wind has prevented. Being short of provisions, will stay on the coast 10 or 12 days more, and then go to Yarmouth.	4
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	„	The frigates would have come in to be refitted but for the wind. Desires order as to revictualling them, and changing their bad provisions; also whether, when any ships come to Spithead and are in need of an immediate supply, he or the victualler may allow a week or two's provisions without waiting an order from London, as the accountant there will not pass any account without a warrant for it.	5
„ 2	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Rob. Turpin for 500*l.* for sick and wounded seamen - - -	6
„ „	Capt. Rob. Colman, *Elizabeth, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying off the Isle of Wight and Cape de Hogue, by order of Sir Rich. Stayner; but his ship becoming leaky through the storms, and making 14 or 15 inches of water in ½ an hour, whereby his powder was damaged, made for the nearest harbour.	7
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	„	The Princess Maria has been prevented from sailing for Harwich through the bad weather; the Maidstone and Tiger have each broken their head and bowsprit by running on board each other; expects that all the ships cruising in the Channel have been forced leeward by the easterly winds, which have been so violent that he has had enough to do to ride in the Downs, and some have lost their masts and cables. Will send the Newbury and Essex to cruise off Beachy as soon as weather will permit.	8
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Dartmouth has arrived at Spithead, by order of Sir Richard, to refit and victual, but is prevented coming in by the weather, which is blowing so hard that boats cannot pass. The Maidstone and Tiger have gone to Cowes, to arrest a Holland prize.	9
„ „	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Constant Warwick, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Asks an order to clean and tallow his frigate, which is so foul that she is of little service but as a convoy; will cruise in the Channel until it arrives.	10
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth, Leith Road.*	„	Will revictual and proceed to the fishing grounds, and endeavour to find the fishermen, but his pink is not fit for the service, as she has only one deck, and sails very heavy; hopes they will give him the command of something better.	11
„ „	„ „	[Navy Comrs.]	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	12
„ 3	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, M.P.	Thanks for his care of his business. Heard that 200*l.* was ordered him; hopes the Commissioners will make it 300*l.*, to satisfy what he has disbursed, and make good the bill returned; will not then trouble them until he has disbursed a large sum. Was desired by Major Harding, after 20 days from his departure, to procure an order for the Nonsuch or Lark to fetch him back from Jersey; as the Nonsuch is in the Roads, begs she may convoy a ship of his laden with herrings for St. Malo, as far as Cape Frehel, and on returning, touch at Jersey for the Major.	13

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Feb. 3	—— *East Cowes*	—	As Capt. Van Zaan is very angry at the arresting of the Portuguese prize by Capts. Penrose of the Maidstone and Sanders of the Tiger off the Isle of Wight, desires he will send to the Admiralty Office for a copy of their warrant; it was never known that any of the State's ships served a particular man's arrest; if Lord Sydenham or Mr. Paine will move the Council, it would be otherwise ordered. What is done must be done speedily, as they threaten to carry the prize into Portsmouth, and Capts. Van Zaan, Sonck, and de Haes, 3 of the States General's ships resolve to oppose it, as a great affront to their Government, and that she should remain at the Isle of Wight.	14
„ 4	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Rich. Gerard, Deputy-Marshal General of the army, for 100*l.* towards the maintenance of prisoners in his custody.	15
„ „	„ - -	„	Order on letters of Capt. Thos. Wright of the Fame off Dunwich of 27 and 30 Jan., asking for the delivery of a portion of his mainmast lost overboard, from Mr. Lestwood, bailif of Dunwich, who recovered it,—to have it brought to Harwich, and disposed of to the best advantage.	16–18
„ „	Capt. Matthew Browne, *Cornelian, Dover.*	Adm. Com.	Chased and boarded what was supposed to be a Flemish vessel making for Dunkirk, but found she was a Dutchman bound for Calais, with English and French passengers. Was prevented regaining his station by a great storm, broke his rudder, and was forced to heave his boat, oars, one of his guns, the men's chests, and all that came to hand, overboard, to right the ship, and being forced from his anchor, made for Dover, where he struck against the pier, and lost his bowsprit and head. All his men are in such a sad condition through the piercing frost, that scarcely any of them are fit for service. Asks whether to discharge them on tickets until the ship is refitted, or continue them.	19
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	„	The Cornelian has come in to be repaired, having received much damage through the storm. Asks an order for a bill of 200*l.* and 1,300*l.*, balance due to him on his quarterly accounts, as 8 more ships have come in to be refitted since they were delivered.	20
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	Sends account of the charges for provisions taken up by him for the voyage to Mardike, with the bills of those from whom he received them, except the turner's and draper's, which the cruel weather prevented him from going to Ipswich to obtain. Although the provisions were generally good, there has been some loss in the beer by leakage, and some of the bread and cheese being much eaten by rats, the sooner it is disposed of the better; can dispose of the butter and cheese at a loss of 2*s.* in the pound. The provisions from Ipswich have not yet arrived on account of the river being frozen over.	21
„ 5	Capt. Jeremy Country, *Greyhound, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Has been plying between the Lizard and Scilly, endeavouring to speak with all vessels he met, which were mostly Hollanders to and from Bordeaux, but did not hear any news of war. Chased one of 8 or 10 guns three times, but she escaped. His victuals being expended, made for Plymouth, but was forced into Falmouth, where he found the Gainsborough with the prize, with whom he sailed for Plymouth Sound. Wants some of his guns changed.	22

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Feb. 6	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell, Admiralty messenger, for 46*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.*, and to Hen. Webley for 3*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, disbursed by them for the navy.	23
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clay, *Sapphire, Gainsborough.*	Adm. Com.	Has made several attempts to get to the Downs, but has been forced back by the storms, with the loss of two of his cables; after being supplied, will take the first opportunity, and proceed.	24
„ „	Danl. Furzer, *Lidney.*	„	Sends copies of his letters of 5 Dec. and 19 Jan. last, giving an account of timber shipped from Dean Forest, with particulars of the amounts due for freight, &c., and of abatement to be made in the freight for the State's trow that shipped the goods onto the Friendship, and desires a speedy supply of money, or will not be able to carry on the work. With receipts of the said goods sent on the Friendship to the Tower stores by And. Boult, 3 March, and at Deptford by John Davies and Jonas Shish, 13 March.	25–28
„ „	Jno. Stainforth, *Chelsea College.*	„	Certifies that Jno. Vingerworth, late a seamen in the St. Peter of Ostend, is a prisoner in Chelsea College. With note of the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk, desiring his exchange for Jno. Puitt, prisoner there.	29, 30
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	„	The provisions complained of by the Maidstone and Tiger were taken in at London, they will make shift to spend them. The Dartmouth has come in after much difficulty through the weather, but there are 2 others unable to do so. Capt. Groves of the Pembroke, being forced from his station, has come to Spithead; as he is short of victuals, will supply him for 14 days.	31
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com[rs]	Being ordered by Sir Rich. Stayner to dispatch away the Cornelian with all speed, has hauled her upon the ways; although it is very foul weather, with much frost and snow, has set the new mainmast of the Hart pink, which will soon be ready to sail. Desires order as to refitting the Acadia, and suggests the discharge of 20 of her men upon tickets, and replacing them with 20 more able. Having two sums of 1,550*l.* and 1,150*l.* due on his last two quarters' accounts, has been twice to London, waited on the Admiralty Commissioners, and sent in two petitions, but was told that no money could be allowed him until the seamen were paid, save a bill of exchange for 300*l.*, and there still remains 2,600*l.* due to Dover, and 200*l.* to the Prize Commissioners, who were to have been paid out of the 300*l.* received, but as that has been expended on the navy account, desires they will ask the Admiralty Commissioners to order payment of the 200*l.* to the Prize Office, as also a supply of anchors and cables for the stores.	32
„ 7	Capt. Jno. Bowrey, *Rey.*	Adm. Com.	Has been forced from his station in Dunkirk Road through the ice, and having lost his anchor, will endeavour to recover it, unless otherwise ordered.	33
„ „	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	Rich. Geering, carpenter of the *Roe ketch.*	The Admiralty Commissioners ask the reasons for his continuing on shore for 14 days. With reply that he went on shore by order of his captain on necessary business, and that the boat returned without giving him due notice.	34

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1657–8. Feb. 7	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The weather has lately been so bad through frost and snow that the like was never known; no ships could go to sea, or well ride in the Downs, 3 being forced to cut their masts by the board, but got safe into Dover Road. The Newbury and 2 others are yet in the Downs; the 3 from the southward want ground tackle, and half their men are sick through the cold and want of clothes. Hears from Flushing that the captains of the Holland men-of-war are to search all English ships bound to Portugal, and what goods they have which are provisions of war are to be good prize to them. Also that there are 12 sails fitting out at Ostend, but for what design is not known.	Vol. 188. 35
„ 8	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Pitt for 10*l.* beyond his pay upon the sea books, for transacting affairs in the Downs for a quarter of a year, by order of the commander-in-chief.	36
„ „	W. Ackworth, *Woolwich.*	„	As the stores at Woolwich are so full, cannot receive more than 2 tons of rosin, there being 3 tons still there; a storehouse for laying pitch, tar, and rosin is very much wanted, as they are continually lying in the open yard, and run to waste for want of one.	37
„ „	Rich. Bradford, the *Dartmouth, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Hopes they will consider the certificate of Gen. Penn, and the recommendation to Col. Salmon formerly sent, and give him employment as lieutenant or purser in one of the ships for Jamaica, having served the State many years, and sustained great loss in the Laurel.	38
„ „	Joseph Larke, Comr. for Sick and Wounded.	„	Has mustered 190 prisoners in Chelsea College, 29 whereof are sick, but none have died or been discharged, except Barnavall Deos, by their order. The Irishman, Garrat FitzGarrat, still presses to be entertained in the State's service, pretending he has a friend in Chelsea who will engage in 100*l.* for his faithful deportment therein.	39
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Begs favour for a petition from the workmen for their pay, being well acquainted with their great wants, they having neither money nor credit. The Sapphire has gone for the Downs, but has lost her anchor and cable. There has been much ice of late, and the men were forced on board other ships, to the hazard of their lives, across the ice, to get on shore, or they would have had to fast many days, there being no way to relieve them; but the ships all rode safely.	40
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	„	Drew a bill on them for 100*l.*; it having been returned, drew another, and hopes it will be met, or it will be impossible to carry on the business of the sailcloth. Reiterates entreaties for payment. Has gone through many businesses, but this of the sailcloth has put him to more trouble and disgrace than anything he ever undertook; it being so difficult to procure money from the State when order is given to pay it, wishes to have a constant payment settled, or be taken off the employment. On the return of the Lark, will dispatch 26 bolts of sailcloth for Portsmouth.	41

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1657–8. Feb. 8	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Vulture, Rye.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed 4 vessels for Seine Head from the Downs, by order of Sir Rich. Stayner, and on returning, had order to go to Dover for 2 new cables; but a storm coming on, broke his best cable, had to let slip his best bower and sheet anchor, and was forced to go to Rye. Rode there 5 days by a small anchor and part of a rotten cable; by firing guns, a pilot boat came out and carried him in, but in a sad condition, many of his men being nearly frozen to death, and those of the Drake, which has also come in, are in like condition. Has sent to Mr. White of Dover to recover his anchors and cables, and send them to Rye.	Vol. 188. 42
,, ,,	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	,,	Has ordered the Drake and Vulture cables and anchors from Dover, and also the Cornelian, who is forced in with her head and bowsprit broken away; has appointed Mr. White to refit her. Has sent the Assistance, forced in from Dunkirk by the ice, to Chatham, where Capt. Sparling will wait orders; the Bramble, being in a like condition, has gone to Portsmouth. The Cheriton is frozen in the ice between Gravelines and Calais, and the Dragon and Colchester have arrived from Ostend, where they had such bad weather that they were in great danger of being lost. The Princess Maria has gone for Harwich; it will not be possible to send any ships on the coast of Flanders until there has been a very great thaw.	43
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	The Princess Maria, in sailing from the Downs for Harwich, has run upon the Brakes; fears she is lost, for all her masts are cut by the board; used all the means he possibly could, by boats from the fleet and shore, with 5 commanders of the fleet, to manage the business for preservation of the ship, or of so much as may be saved. The Cheriton having arrived with only one anchor and cable, has furnished her with what could be got in the Downs; she might be supplied with what she wants out of the Colchester, which will have to go to Portsmouth to clean and revictual. The ice is so thick on the other side that it grounds in 8 fathoms of water, so that it is impossible for any ship to go over as yet. With account of boatswain's stores belonging to the Cheriton lost in Dunkirk Road through extremity of weather.	44, 45
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	,,	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - - -	46
,, ,,	Thos. White, *Dover*	,,	Will supply all the frigates that come in with such stores as they may have lost or require. Having come down without money, the people are much dissatisfied, and not willing to do anything without ready money; as there was not a farthing imprested for the last quarter, and 2,600*l.* is unpaid, besides 200*l.* he had from the Prize Office to carry on the work, desires they will order payment of 1,318*l.* to the Dover Post, and the 200*l.* belonging to the Prize Office.	47
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Feb. 8	Edw. Wood - -	Adm. Com.	Hopes they will order payment of the 2,500*l.* due to him on his bill of imprest, or a good part of it, to supply his present necessities; has paid foreign bills of exchange for hemp bought for the State by their appointment 4 months since, which ought to be repaid, and has besides 3,500*l.* due on ready money bills for provisions sold to the State, although not all entered with the treasurer, but has not pressed for money. Is content with his neighbours' fare, but having sold them as good a pennyworth as any man, that others should receive the money on bills for goods sold, and he be made to stay for money laid out of purse, appears a very hard measure.	49
„ 9	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to state the accounts of Major Nehemiah Bourne for his disbursements in refitting and setting forth several ships at Harwich, and allow him 1½ per cent. for his pains.	50
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Rich. Creed for 20*l.* for the contingencies of the fleet, to be issued as the Generals shall order.	51
„ „	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Since arriving in the Humber on the 28th ult., has been so much troubled with the ice that he was forced to haul the frigate into the Haven's mouth for security; has since endeavoured to get to the cleaning place, but was prevented by the force of the ice that came down into the mouth of the harbour, and the river being full from side to side, will have to wait. Were forced to leave 2 anchors and 3 cables in the Road, with slip logs to take hold of them again when he hauls off the ground; meantime will get all ready to proceed.	52
„ „	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe ketch, Lynn Deeps.*	„	Sends a complaint against his carpenter of neglect of duty, embezzling stores, and deserting the ship at Yarmouth. Has discharged his gunner, being sick, in exchange for the former gunner of the Nonsuch.	53
„ „	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Milford Haven.*	„	Wants his frigate caulked, it not having been done for 2 years, and a supply of stores, as granted to the rest of the squadron, or will not be capable of doing such service as he might. Will ply to and from his station, and call at Milford for orders.	54
„ „	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Elias, Portland Road.*	„	Has been to Jersey and Guernsey with Sir Thos. Peyton, Bart., Sir Thos. Armstrong, Major Norwood, Jno. and Wm. Ashburnham, and Robt. Overton, Esquires, and Mr. Weston, and delivered them into safe custody, as ordered by Sir Rich. Stayner, and will proceed to the Downs.	55
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	„	The Princess Maria being old and very weak, she soon bulged and filled, and went down. They have saved what stores they could; has ordered his boatswain and Mr. Culmer to take an account thereof; thinks Mr. White of Dover should agree with the savers for their trouble. Has directed the Judge-Advocate to examine the officers as to the cause of her loss, but believes it will all fall upon the pilot, whom he has in custody. Asks whether the trial shall be held in the Downs, or the examinations be sent up. All her men were saved; has advised the captain to send them up. The Colchester has gone for Portsmouth.	56

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1657-8. Feb. 10	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends examinations of Capt. Jno. Grymesditch, commander, and other officers of the 'Princess Maria, before a court of War held on board the London, to inquire as to the cause of her loss, as also of the finding of the court, viz., that the stranding and loss of the ship upon the sand near the Small Downs, called the Brake, was the fault of Wm. Knight, pilot of Deal, who took charge of her in the Downs, to carry her to Harwich; that he does not appear to be guilty of wilfully stranding, but was wanting in his duty in not timely animadverting to the slackening of the wind, and the strength of the tide current, and therefore sooner letting go of an anchor, whereby in all probability the ship might have been preserved. All but what was in the hold and the guns are saved, and it is thought impossible to get anything more, but will go himself and see what means may be used for the preservation of all that he can. The Convert has come in with a small Ostender of 8 guns, which she took cruising for the Downs; encloses her captain's commission, and several letters found. Has sent the prize to Dover, and will send up the prisoners' examinations. Hears all is well at Mardike, but as they desired more ships, will send Capt. Haddock and the Cheriton on that service; Capt. Parker and all his officers are sick on shore, and as they cannot be without more ships on the other side, will hasten the Dragon with all the rest of the squadron thither, to remain there until further orders. Before leaving the Downs, will give Capt. Whitehorn all the advice he can towards the management of affairs there, but much of it is not public. Capt. Bevans brought no news, but only his prize.	Vol. 188 57–59
„ „	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Bramble, Portsmouth.*	„	Has come in by order of Sir Rich. Stayner to tallow, refit, and victual, and waits orders - -	60
„ „	Jno. Godolphin, C. G. Cock, Adm. Judges, *Doctors' Commons.*	Navy Com^rs	Having received a reference from his Highness of the petition of Jno. Mathew, late purser of the Drake, relating to a demand of 40*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.*, on an account alleged to have been passed by them, asks what exceptions there are to it, so that they may be better qualified to make a report.	61
„ „	Ordnance Officers -	„	Send an account of contracts entered into with 6 powder makers named, what has been delivered, and what remains to be brought in, as also an account of serviceable and unserviceable powder in the stores. Many master gunners insist upon their demands for port hooks and port ropes from the Ordnance Office, which formerly used to be supplied by the Navy Office; lest they should be supplied from both, desire that either they or the Navy Office shall alone serve them.	62, 63
„ „	Capt. Rich. Streate, *Rye.*	Robt. Blackborne for the Adm. Com.	Is ordered by Sir Rich. Stayner to go to Rye, and carry cables and anchors for the Drake and Vulture, but not having room to stow them, Mr. White commanded a pink to carry them, and he to convoy her, which being done, will return to the Downs.	64

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Feb. 10	Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Bramble and others have come or are coming in to refit by order of Sir Rich. Stayner; will give them all dispatch.	65
„ „	Major Jo. Wade, *Little Dean.*	„	Hoped they would send his discharge on his last account, and desires they will cause it to be sent. Was ordered to charge a bill of exchange upon Mr. Shewell for 100*l.*, for the use of Mr. Furzer, but as it is not a third part of what he owes, hopes they will settle some course for his continual supply, until the revenue there is clear from other payments, and able to afford him money. Furzer can give a good account of his employment; he has prepared great quantities of timber in readiness to build, and to send about by shipping, and has sent away a loading in the Friendship of London, in which there is also 7 tons 13 cwt. of ironwork, specified in the bill of lading enclosed.	66, 67
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *Speaker, Downs.*	„	Has received their instructions to take care of the Downs squadron after the departure of Sir Rich. Stayner, who has fully informed him how all affairs stand there.	68
„ „	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Weymouth Road.*	„	Has been plying on his station, but was forced by the violence of the wind and weather to spend most of the time at anchor with some hazard. The Lark, Capt. Lardge, was put from his anchors in the Jersey Road, and has not since been heard of. Having been off the ground 15 weeks, and only 22 days' provisions left, desires order to take in another month's before cleaning, as some are being provided at Weymouth by Capt. Pley.	69
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Adm. Com.	This day 20 sail went out, some from London, one with powder, and 3 hoys with deals, timber, &c., for Mardike Fort, convoyed by Captains Peeduck, Lilburne, and Ridore, as also some ketches. The Cornelian has come in to victual and tallow, and wants men, having put several on shore sick.	70
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Jeffery for his wages as Captain of the Nantwich - -	71
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make an allowance of 21*l.* a month to Capt. Robt. Clerke, late commander of the George, during the time Gen. Blake continued on board that ship.	72
„ 12	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Vice-Adm. Goodson for his pay and entertainment as vice-admiral of the fleet employed in the expedition to America, from 3 July 1654 to the time of paying off the Mathias at 30*s.* a day.	73
„ „	„ - -	„	Like order for his payment at the same rate as vice-admiral of the Channel fleet, from 1 May 1657 till the Dover was paid off.	74
„ „	Capt. Rich. Hodges, *Basing, Kinsale.*	Adm. Com.	After leaving Plymouth, was forced into Kinsale, where he has received an order from the Lord-Deputy of Ireland to go to Waterford, receive such munition as the storekeeper there shall put on board, and carry it to Dublin.	75

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Feb. 12	Christ. Pett, Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Have been put to much trouble, and the State to great charge in the time of the late frost, in preserving not only the State's frigates, but also the Flemish ships at Woolwich. Advise to sell such of the Flemish ships as are unserviceable, and the Falcon and Marigold flyboats, as they are beyond repair.	76
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	,,	Repair of the Lion. Wants to lengthen her 5 or 6 feet, and which will not increase the charge above 200*l.*	77
,, ,,	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Milford.*	Adm. Com.	Came from Dublin to tallow and victual, and having order from the Lord-Deputy to return to Ireland, desires order to Mr. Browne to build him a new boat, as his old one has been much shattered in the storms.	78
,, ,,	——	—	List of 7 Ostend and 15 Dunkirk prisoners who are ordered to march from Rye, but 3 are unable to walk.	79
,, 13	Capt. Math. Browne, *Cornelian, Dover.*	Adm. Com.	Has discharged 20 unserviceable men, but as Sir Rich. Stayner has ordered his frigate to be speedily repaired, and as 40 of his men have recovered from their injuries by the frost, has forborne clearing any of them without further order from the commander-in-chief; the frigate will be ready to sail to the Downs next Monday, and there he will not want men.	80
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Has treated with Mr. Peirson on behalf of Mrs. Brewer, and seen Brewer's bond for making good the contract, which has been broken on both sides. Brewer had no bond on Peirson, yet the latter has promised that in case Mrs. Brewer would undertake by any man but Miles to carry on the work, she should have the benefit of the contract, if any there be, but he was unwilling to admit Miles, by whose miscarriages he conceives himself damnified. Cannot advise the work being again put in his hands, as he has not done anything that deserves commendation, but would be glad to see it better managed than it has been by him. If Mrs. Brewer is willing to leave the work, Peirson promises to allow what in reason she can demand towards her loss. Little has been done of late on the dock work, but Pierson now promises to hasten it. The Providence and Colchester have arrived, and the Ruby is at Spithead; hears they are to be paid off at Portsmouth; hopes they will also be mindful of the yard, and the condition of the poor workmen, who are 3½ quarters behind of their pay, whereby they suffer much. A supply of tallow and tar will soon be wanted; the tallow can be had at Portsmouth at 42*s.* per cwt.	81
,, ,,	Adm. Judges, *Dunkirk.*	Pass	For Edw. Stoultenburgh, English mariner, prisoner at Dunkirk, to be exchanged for Francois Puppinck, prisoner at Portsmouth.	82
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival, and cleaning, and victualling of ships. Capt. Blake, having found the want of a forecastle this hard weather, wants one built, as also a recruit of 10 men, as his ship is more capable of 110 than the Wakefield of 100.	83

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Feb. 13	Thos. White, *Dover*	Adm. Com.	The men belonging to the Cornelian have all recovered save 3, and there are now 30 able men, besides those the captain thinks of discharging, and Sir Rich. Stayner having sent order to fit her out, will do so with speed. Went to Sir Richard at Deal, who appointed Mr. Culmer to join him in going from house to house in Deal to search for things brought on shore from the Princess Maria; he also allowed a sixth for salvage to the men; after he had taken horse for London, went to Capt. Whitehorn for instructions. Will go again on Monday, as also to Margate, Broadstairs, and Ramsgate, as being near, they had most boats on board, and will be careful in valuing the goods to save charges; as he finds some men will have a crown, and some an angel, will carry ready money to pay every man that is under 20*s.*, and give bills to those who exceed it; if he can save by paying ready money, will disburse 100*l.* or 200*l.*	84
„ 14	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for refitting the Dover frigate for service in the Channel - - - - -	85
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to sign a bill to Mr. Browne of Pembroke for 15*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*, for tallowing the Lizard and Basing at Milford. Damaged.	86
„ 15	Saml. Cooper - -	Adm. Com.	Has mustered 190 prisoners in Chelsea College, 22 whereof are sick, but none have died, escaped, or been discharged since the last muster. Gerrard FitzGarret, an Irishman, promises a discovery of some who are under the notion of being private seamen, but are not; he also desires to serve in one of the State's ships, and a friend who keeps the Bell in Chelsea will enter into a bond of 100*l.* for his faithful dealings. The prisoners complain of the badness and smallness of the bread, which is not without cause, as also of the dearness of their other provisions, their beef being 6*d.* per lb., and other things pro rata, and beseech redress.	87
„ „	Capt. Jno. Poyntz, *Providence, Portsmouth.*	„	Understands they have ordered the master attendant to proceed with the speedy refitting of his ship, and Mr. Tippetts, the master builder, is attending to it; himself and company will not be wanting in following their commands.	88
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Desires order as to victualling and refitting, having only 9 days' provisions left and no coals. Has had very sad weather at sea, and many of his men sick, some of whom he put on shore at Hull. Has not heard of any of the enemy's men-of-war to the northward.	89
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Refitting and victualling of ships - - - - - - - - - -	90
„ 16	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy cleaning and refitting the Assistance at Chatham, for service in the Channel.	91
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Tourner for the 3 months he served as minister on board the London, at 100*l.* a year.	92
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the mariners of the Princess Maria, lately cast away upon the Brakes.	93

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Feb. 16	Rich. Ford, *London.*	Adm. Com.	Last Sept. supplied canvas, value 853*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for which he received 2 debentures, and for present payment, sold it 1½*d.* per ell cheaper than his neighbours would, and has never importuned for the money until now, knowing the State's extraordinary occasions. As his necessities pinch, is forced to beg payment of the 2 bills this week, which will oblige him to a cheerful performance of the like or any other service.	94
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	Will observe their order as to selling the provisions he bought for the soldiers' passage to Mardike; has been to the victuallers' agent at Ipswich, to take the bread and beer off his hands, but he was gone to London; if he will not take them, will be in a strait, as neither the brewers nor baker will do so but at much loss; the cheesemonger will take the butter and cheese with some loss. Will give the Elias quick dispatch.	95
„ „	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Plymouth.*	„	Went from Weymouth to Jersey with Major Harding, but was much delayed in returning, owing to the wind and snow, and forced to anchor on the banks of Guernsey, whence they were driven out to sea and in great peril of their lives, and were constrained to cut the mainmast by the board, and unable to save any of the sails or rigging belonging to it, in regard of the extraordinary quantity of ice that in the storm froze to the ropes; many of his men were disabled, their fingers and toes being almost mortified by the excessive cold, but hopes their speedy recovery. The wind shifting eastwards, they recovered the greater part of their cables, but was forced to cut away a part of one with the anchor, and with what small sail they could, made for Plymouth, in hopes of being supplied with such necessaries as they stand in need of, and then hasten to his station. Gave an account of the iron guns taken in at Portsmouth to carry to Jersey and exchange for 2 brass ones; but there being none there, supposes there was some mistake in the order; having the iron guns still on board, desires order for their disposal.	96
„ „	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Elias, Downs.*	„	His boatswain being dead, desires they will appoint another, and has secured the stores until he comes to take charge of them.	97
„ „	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Plymouth.*	„	Came into Plymouth Sound the 15th, by order of Capt. Heaton, expecting directions from them, and is ordered by Capt. Hatsell to Catwater to tallow; but the spring tide being so far past, thought it convenient to keep at sea 4 or 5 days longer, so as to take the next spring tide.	98
„ „	Jno. Russell - -	„	Petition for the boatswain's place in the new ship building at Deptford, having served the State 12 years, 4 years being boatswain of the Mayflower, which was paid off last October, since which he has been waiting for employment; having a wife and many children, is driven to some straits. With certificates by Capts. Peter Bowen, Jno. Sherwin, and others.	99–101
„ 17	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	„	Repair, victualling, and sailing of ships - - - - - - - - -	102

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1657–8. Feb. 17	Thos. White, *Dover*	Adm. Com.	Sir Rich. Stayner appointed Jno. Culmer, of Deal, to join him in finding goods saved from the Princess Maria, and to agree with the men for salvage; has been round the Isle of Thanet, and found some things of little value, the ship's masts being cut overboard, every man took what he could, so cannot say that they have found one whole piece, as it stood in the ship, one boat having caught hold of one end and another boat the other, and each cut what they could carry. Sends an inventory of what was found at Deal, Ramsgate, &c., which, besides the guns, may be worth 800*l.*, of which they have allowed the men $\frac{1}{6}$th for salvage. Paid off the small sums and promised the rest upon receipt of the goods at Dover, and ordered them to carry the guns on board Capt. Whitehorn, when he will pay $\frac{1}{6}$th of their value. Has shipped all the materials found at Broadstairs and Court Stairs in a ketch for Dover, they being in the hands of near 100 men, and has hired a boat to bring those at Ramsgate to Dover, for their better security, as they lie in so many houses and men's hands.	Vol. 188. 103, 104
" "	Adm. Judges, *Dunkirk.*	"	Declaration of their release on parole of Nich. Potter, on condition of his procuring that of Marten Coots.	105
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Speaker, Downs.*	"	Capt. Coleman having arrived, ordered him to convoy the vessels to Seine Head, instead of Capt. Blake, his ship being more fit than the Newbury; also Capt. Ledgant, on his way to Harwich, to deliver 3 weeks' victuals to the Newcastle, in Margate Road, as he durst not call her off from prosecuting his Highness's commands upon that station; has victualled other ships, but most of the 5th rate belonging to the squadron are in port, cleaning and revictualling. Particulars of ships. Desires order as to the disposal of the prisoners taken from the Convert.	106
" "	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	While riding in the Roads in the last great storm on the 2nd inst., his boat broke away and drove ashore near Cortown, where some malicious persons cut it to pieces; has been supplied at Yarmouth with the Laurel's jollyboat. Has been since convoying vessels bound for Mardike as far as Gravelines, by order of Wm. Burton, and has come in again for orders.	107
" 18	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs.	You are to hire a ketch for transporting Vice-Adm. Goodson's goods and other necessaries to the Downs, there being special occasion for his repair there upon the public service.	108
" "	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Milford.*	Adm. Com.	Renews his application for stores and provisions, so as to enable to keep at sea next summer. Has been to the Land's End, as also on the coast of Wales, but did not see any pirates.	109
" "	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Sa. Casearas.*	"	Wrote of being delayed by the brandy ship being again put on shore by the ice, but as she is now off, will proceed on his voyage. Having run short of provisions, has been compelled to send to Nantes, where he expended 30*l.* in procuring a supply for 25 days.	110

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Feb. 19	Adm. Judges, *Dunkirk.*	—	Certificate that Aaron Jeffries, English prisoner at Ostend, has been set at liberty to procure the release of Wynant Thyssen and 5 others, prisoners at Plymouth, and Jan. Cornelissen, prisoner at York. With pass for Jeffries to England. [*French*].	111
„ „	„ „	—	Declaration that 5 English prisoners, all of Barnstaple, names given, will be set at liberty in exchange for the 2 above named. [*Dutch*].	112
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	On returning home, found the Adventure and Constant Warwick fitted, victualled, and ready to sail, so ordered them to ply off Scilly, the Forester and others being at the mouth of the Channel and the Soundings. Several ships have lately come in, including one from Zante, who met Capt. Stoakes and his squadron off Cape de Gatt, as also other vessels; Capt. Heaton has gone to his station. Hopes they will order 400*l.* a week to be paid him until the 1,200*l.* on the treasurer's note is paid, as he stands obliged for a considerable sum to carry on the service at Plymouth, since that money was disbursed; only desires money that the service may not suffer.	113
„ „	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Pearl, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Since coming on board, has had such bad weather of north-east winds and snow that he thought himself happy in being in the Humber, if only for the preservation of the frigate. Has convoyed several laden ships, by order of Col. Smith, governor of Hull, for London, as far as Yarmouth Roads, and as soon as weather permits, will repair northwards. Wants 2 cables; some better course should be taken with the victualler at Hull for providing bread according to the proportion of all other victuals; has but 3 weeks', and wants 10 cwt. of bread to complete the proportion, and none to be got at Hull, so that he cannot perform the duty he desires.	114
„ „	Capt. Mic. Nutton, the *Norwich, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Has come in with a fleet of Scotch vessels, by order of Gen. Monk, and will convoy such Scotch vessels as are ready to Leith Road.	115
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Hope.*	„	Came in on the 17th, and having been paid the next day, will get to his station - - -	116
„ „	„ „	„	Has received their commands, and will sail to the Downs - - - - -	117
„ „	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	„	Has communicated their orders to such of the commanders as are in port, and the Bramble has gone with their letter to Capt. Blake. Refitting and victualling of ships named, the commanders of whom are all at Portsmouth, except Capts. Penrose and Rooth, who have leave.	118
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	„	The Cornelian and Rose pink have been refitted and victualled and sailed for Mardike, and the Lily for the Downs; hopes they will order payment for the refitting, being exceedingly put to it for want of money.	119

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1657–8. Feb. 19	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *Speaker, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has sent to call in the ships from the North Foreland, as also those in the Narrows and at Dover, but there being no mention of those at Dunkirk in his countermands for sailing towards Ostend, has sent an express for Capt. Haddock to remain there; will prosecute their commands with all readiness. There are 5 ships named in the Downs ready to go out; has seen to the victualling of the London, Speaker, and Newcastle, without staying for victuals from Dover. There were none of the prisoners taken by the Convert ordered to be put on shore, save 6 children and an innocent, who were not within the cognizance of prisoners; even the enemy have not taken notice of boys and children, therefore presumed to send them away, rather than put the State to a needless charge to maintain those who were not worth the meat they eat, for they would not be taken upon exchange for others, neither were they entered on board the man-of-war, but went on board unknown to the commander until he came out to sea, so that he was forced to give them victuals.	Vol. 188. 120
„ „	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Weymouth Roads.*	„	Has received a month's provisions from Capt. Pley, and waits a wind to prosecute their orders -	121
„ 20	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order for paying off the officers and company of the Princess Maria, cast away upon the Brakes	122
„ „	Capt. Joseph Ames, *Winsby, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Came from the Downs yesterday for Spithead, and received order from the master of attendance to take in two months' provisions; his men refused to work, having 28½ months' pay due, but by fair means and foul together, they hoisted it in; if all other necessaries are on board to-night, will endeavour to return to the Downs. As there is 17*s.* a-piece due to his men for short allowance of victuals the last voyage, and as many of them are weak and want clothes, the speedy paying of that amount would give great satisfaction.	123
„ „	Capt. Jno. Baskett, the *Wakefield, Rolling Ground.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Having changed his purser, sends up the book. Has been detained by foul weather, but will proceed to the Downs with the first wind. The last time he victualled was at Harwich, and to his cost, because of the weather.	124
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	Has been plying between the Roads and Harwich, by an order from Sec. Thurloe, brought by Mr. Butler, one of the messengers, who is still on board. Has been prevented by the weather from observing their directions or getting in his provisions, as no boats could come from Ipswich, and was forced to go and indent himself, and to victual on his own account. Will endeavour to get into the Downs with the next tide.	125

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Feb. 20	Jno. Davies, *Deptford.*	Navy Purveyors.	Account of tar, pitch, lignum vitæ shivers, flags, and ensigns, wanting in the stores at Deptford, for supply of those at Portsmouth.	126
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth pink, South Frith.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Leith Roads to the Fishing Grounds, and then into Buffin Deeps, but could not find any of the fishermen. Has had very foul weather, and several of his men have been ill with agues and fevers.	127
„ 21	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *Speaker, Downs.*	„	The Newcastle and 9 other ships named have arrived in the Downs, also several merchantmen from the Straits, West Indies, and Bermuda, and the Hannibal with a packet from Capt. Stoakes for the Admiralty Commissioners, which has been put on shore at Dover, to be forwarded. The Selby has returned from Dunkirk with a complaint, enclosed, from Capt. Haddock for want of force, and desiring that 2 5th-rate frigates may be sent to his assistance, that he may be in some probability to resist the forces that are said to be coming thither from Ostend. Being ordered not to send any frigates from the Downs without further directions, suggests the sending of the Sapphire and Selby, as the two most fit for that service; will presume to send over the Swallow to attend the Dunkirk squadron as formerly, being very unwilling that the enemy should gain the least advantage.	128
„ „	Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson, *Deal.*	„	According to his Highness's instructions, left London yesterday, and arrived at Deal at 11 last night. There are 10 ships now there, and it is blowing so hard that the boat which brought the packet from Capt. Whitehorn is not yet able to return. Hearing that the Speaker's anchors are too light, and as she is going upon a coast where she may have more need than ordinary, desires they will move the Navy Commissioners to send her one of 32 and another of 34 cwt. Begs an order to the treasurer for payment of his little arrears.	129
„ 22	„ „	„	Went on board the Speaker yesterday, and ordered a division of the provisions of the ships in the Downs, so as to make upon each ship a proportion for 6 weeks, but the weather has been so bad there has been no opportunity to transport it from one to the other, nor have the provisions yet arrived from the River, or the pilots from Dover; was forced to send there for them, all the ablest of Deal being employed up the River with merchantmen who passed through the Downs. Has sent to Dover for 14 days' more victuals for the London, and to Mr. White for the cables of the Princess Maria. Will sail with the Speaker and 9 others named; Capt. Whitehorn, of the London, should have his former instructions confirmed for the continuance of his command in the Downs. Has written for dispatch of the Truelove at Dover, and will hasten over the Lily and Rose of the Dunkirk squadron, with the Swallow ketch. Has sent up the River for some seamen, whereof there is a want, for supply of the fleet. The London ketch has carried up the prisoners, and also the canvas brought by the Elizabeth from Weymouth for the stores at Deptford.	130

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Feb. 22	Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson, *Speaker, Downs.*	Lords Montague and Desborow, Admiral and Generals of the fleet.	To similar effect. As the Speaker and other ships want men, has sent a ketch up the River, and if he can get pilots shall sail, whether the men and provisions come or not. Sent to Mr. White of Dover for pilots, and encloses his reply, that he had been to the Trinity House and found there were only Mr. Peacock and Ralph Colore, the former of whom promised to go to the Speaker, but Colore would not appear, alleging they have no satisfaction when they have done their work, so that he is very much straitened for pilots; will use what further means he can for attaining them, as the season not only requires them, but also able ones; most of the frigates being foul, it will make it the more dangerous if they should be forced to beat it off the coast with a storm, and to ride there at this time of the year will not be without much danger.	131, 132
„ „	Capt. Rowl. Bevans	Adm. Com.	Has come in, by order of Capt. Whitehorn, to refit for the North Seas, and as his gunner wants several stores, has signed his demand and sent him up.	133
„ „	Capt. Robt. Kirby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has been in harbour a week to refit; has all the guns out and tried to hasten the work, but as his men persist in remaining on shore and neglect their duty, hopes the delay will not be imputed to him.	134
„ „	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Elias, Harwich.*	„	Delivered 21 days' provisions to the Newcastle, and came in yesterday to refit and victual, by order of Capt. Whitehorn.	135
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, Jno. Tippetts, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	„	The ships are all ready and waiting to get out, but the company of the Ruby refuse to go on board, or to take in any provisions, pretending want of clothes and a defective ship, and there are some doubts about the company of the Providence, the truth being that both ships are much out of repair, although the most needful has been done to make them serviceable for a short time.	136
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Is returning to his station, but having only 19 days' provisions, desires orders where to refit	137
„ „	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Plymouth.*	„	When the Commissioners were at Plymouth, they ordered the cleaning, refitting, and victualling of his frigate, but having 3 weeks' provisions left, and having to go to Portsmouth to take out the guns, desires an order to the victualler there to supply him.	138
„ 23	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^rs	Order to send two anchors, of 32 and 34 cwt., by the Assistance at Chatham to the Speaker in the Downs.	139
„ „	Rich. Gerrard	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends the names of 6 prisoners who escaped from Chelsea College on Saturday night last. Mr. Sandford, at Mr. Baldwin's, of Fenchurch Street, begs a search warrant for them; asks an order for payment of 200*l.* upon his bill sent. With Admiralty order, 25 Feb., for 100*l.* towards charge of his prisoners.	140–142
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their letters to the commander of the Wakefield, who is riding near Landguard Fort; is in hand with the Convert and Elias.	143

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1657–8. Feb. 24	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Nantes.*	Adm. Com.	Received an order from the Commissioner at Plymouth on 9 Dec. to go to Nantes, and convoy a ship, laden with brandy for the forces at Jamaica, 150 or 200 leagues on her way; but when he arrived, found that she had been put ashore by the ice, and did not come down to him in the river of Nantes until the 14th inst., since which they have been detained by contrary winds. Has had to put his men on short allowance for 5 weeks, and having taken up 60*l.* on bills drawn upon them to procure a supply, desires they may be paid.	144
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Harwich.*	„	Has come in to refit and victual, and with Mr. Grassingham's assistance, will make quick dispatch. Has sent up Mr. Mills for the command of the Mary prize, and hopes he will find favour.	145
„ „	Jno. Stainforth, Deputy-Marshal-General.	„	Sends receipt for the delivery of a captain and 24 men into his custody at Chelsea College by Robt. Walker, master of the Employment ketch; with note that the boat hire was 10*s.*	146
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, Jno. Tippetts, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	„	Sailing and docking of ships. Will send up the resolutions of the mariners of the Ruby, and hope they will be persuaded by the fair offer of the Admiralty Commissioners.	147
„ 25	Ann, wife of Thos. Browne, gunner of the *Paul.*	„	Petition for payment of a written ticket sent her by her husband on account of wages due, which the Navy Commissioners refuse, not being printed. With reference to the Navy Commissioners to sign and pay the same, if just and equitable.	148
„ „	Jane, wife of Robt. Codenham, boatswain of the *Paul.*	„	Similar petition and reference - - - - - - - - - -	149
„ „	Humphrey Catbury, mastmaker at *Deptford* and *Woolwich.*	„	Petition for an allowance of 2 servants, or an increase of pay while employed at Woolwich, as when absent at the call of the prickmaster at Deptford, where he has been employed upwards of 7 years, he loses his pay, and has only 2*s.* 1*d.* a day, whereas it is customary in the merchant service to give 2*s.* 6*d.* With certificates by Christ. Pett and 3 others, and reference to the Navy Commissioners, to give such directions for his encouragement as they shall see cause. Noted, "Nothing to be done."	150, 151
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to John Strange for 50*l.*, for so much paid by Sir Thos. Dickenson, lord mayor of York, for maintenance of prisoners in York Castle.	152
„ „	„ - -	„	You are to certify the condition of the 3rd and 4th rate frigates in harbour, and in what time they may be refitted; also to appoint a person to look after some canvas brought by the Elizabeth from Weymouth, and transferred to the London ketch, lately arrived at the Tower.	153
„ „	Capt. Wm. Barker, *Lizard, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station and spoke several vessels, but they were all friends. Went to Cork and Kinsale, and has convoyed 3 vessels from thence bound for Bristol. Has had very foul weather; will return to his station.	154

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Feb. 25	Capt. Phil. Holland, *London.* 4 a.m.	Adm. Com.	Has used all diligence in getting in the ballast and provisions since the frost broke up at Deptford, and after much trouble, got down to the Hope, but the gunner's stores not arriving came to London again; hearing they have been since sent, will return to his frigate and follow his instructions.	155
„ „	Capt. Auth. Rively, *Vulture, Yarmouth.*	„	Having received order from Major Burton to go to Lynn, and convoy back 2 vessels laden with hemp on the State's account, and having only 8 days' provisions, asks where to revictual. Has sent up 4 sea books.	156
„ „	[Jno. Stainforth, Deputy-Marshal.]	—	List of the officers and company of the St. Peter of Ostend, taken prisoners by the Convert, and brought to Chelsea College. [*Damaged*].	157
„ „	Jno. Tippetts, Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Have again tried to persuade the sailors to go on board the Ruby, and have prevailed with 30, but the rest are still refractory, and unless some course is taken with the leaders, it will be hard to bring them to order. Are employing the small ordinary men, with the labourers and other workmen out of the yard, to rig the ship, which will be ready to sail next Tuesday, and have given orders for entering such seamen as can be got, in case the others continue obstinate. Sent their letter to the captain of Winsby, but have not heard anything of his short allowance money, and do not think the captain of the Providence will stay for any. Sailing of ships.	158
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *London, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a demand for cables, anchors, &c., required for the London. Has received a stream anchor and cable from Mr. White of Dover.	159
„ 26	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Has got his ship off the ground, mounted the guns, is taking in his powder and ballast, and will make all haste to be ready for orders to sail, having lost the last spring tide through the force of the ice that came down the River. Had order to take in 3 months' victuals, and as one month of it is spent, asks whether to take in another, or go to sea with the 2 left.	160
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Received their order for Capt. Nutton, but he had gone to his station; the Vulture is gone for the Hope with 12 sail of Hull men and Scotchmen, the former having hemp for the State. Most of the North Sea fishers are at sea, and the rest are in the Roads, waiting for a wind. The other convoy is much wanted, it being reported that there are 15 or 20 frigates ready to come out of Ostend, and as it is feared they will go northward, they may carry away the whole fleet. The great frost has delayed the fitting out of the Iceland fleet, but some have sailed, and the rest will be ready in a few days; will be forced to send the Fame, with the fishers and coal fleet now in the Roads, as far as Tynemouth Bar, but if he meets the Pearl, will deliver them into Capt. Nixon's charge. Hopes they will order payment of his other 400*l.*	161

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1657–8. Feb. 26	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Although the weather has been exceeding stormy, the Sorlings and Lark have been refitted and victualled. The Gainsborough and Bryer have been forced in by the weather, the former with her sails split and very leaky. Is daily expecting the Great President and Wolf with the convoy from Bordeaux, which it is supposed have been detained by the ice. As the Gainsborough will require refitting and victualling, it would be best to send her to Portsmouth, as his cordage and canvas is spending apace. Hears a Dutch man-of-war overran a Plymouth vessel near the Start, which with her goods was worth 5,000*l.*, and that she, with 12 passengers, all perished, the captain and some of her company being carried to Holland.	Vol. 188. 162
„ „	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Lee Road.*	„	His gunner's stores, &c., having been shipped, is weighing, and will use all expedition, in pursuance of their orders.	163
„ 27	Adm. Judges, *Dunkirk.*	—	Declaration of consent to the releasing of Nich. Potter, John Wilkinson, and Philip Bronkton, English prisoners at Dunkirk, provided they first procure the releasement and sending over of Marten Coots and Jno. de Biurco.	164
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Ruby is fitted, and will sail on Monday. He and Mr. Tippetts have had something to do to persuade the men; their landladies have been the greatest instruments to hinder them going on board, but the knot is broken through some apprehension of loss of wages and exemplary punishment. The Maidstone, Colchester, and Providence have sailed for the Downs.	165
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth pink*, among the fishermen east of *Aberdeen.*	„	Spoke with several fishermen at sea on the 24th inst., and found the fleet was much scattered; is now in sight of 8 together. It is impossible for him to preserve them if an enemy come, as they will not keep together; will do his best, and be continually sailing from one to another in the fishing grounds. Has not heard anything of the enemy. Little fish has been taken as yet.	166
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *London, Downs.*	„	They are aware of the sailing of Admiral Goodson from the Downs on the 26th inst., the number of ships he had with him, and how he intended to place them. Will be careful to follow directions during his absence. The Admiral was much troubled about pilots, and was forced to sail at last with one half of the ships unsupplied. As there are now 4 or 5 Deal pilots in the river, who piloted up the merchantmen, desires they may be sent to the Downs with all speed, and he will send them over. Arrival, departure, and victualling of ships.	167
Feb.	Lord B. Whitelock -	„	Recommends Rich. Jackson for the carpenter's place in the new ship building at Deptford, he having served the Commonwealth in the same capacity for several years.	168
„	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships to and from Gravesend on the 16th, 19th, and 22nd inst.	169–171

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1657-8. Mar. 1	Joseph Haddock, late master of the *Diligence of London.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order for release of 9 Ostend seamen who were taken out of the St. Peter of Ostend, and are prisoners in Chelsea College, in exchange for himself and his company, taken prisoners by two Ostend men-of-war while sailing laden with fish from Newfoundland for Portugal, and carried to Vigo in Galicia, where they were hardly used, until they had liberty on parole, with condition to procure the liberty of 9 belonging to the St. Peter. With certificate of Jno. Stainforth, deputy-marshal, that he has the 9 Ostend seamen mentioned in his custody; also certificate of Jas. Houblan and 10 other London merchants verifying the petition.	Vol. 189. 1–3
„ „	Jno. Culmer, *Deal*	Navy Com^rs	He and Mr. White have recovered what they could belonging to the Princess Maria, and settled the salvage. Desires order to sell some old boats, as they take up so much room.	4
„ „	Capt. Saml. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Beaumaris.*	„	Victualled at Milford 29 Feb., and was then ordered from Dublin to Holyhead or Beaumaris, to land Esquire Burnistone, who had special business for the Lord-Deputy to Whitehall. His boatswain and some of his men being on shore, a fight took place between the boatswain and Wm. Smith, who had his upper lip torn or bitten off. When victualling at Milford, Smith got on shore pretending sickness, although the surgeon affirmed to the contrary, and as he refused to return, left him behind, and declined to give him a ticket unless it was branded. The boatswain is not so qualified as could be wished.	5
„ 2	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to make out a bill to the Commissioners of Customs for 100*l.*, received by Major Jno. Wade of Thos. Shewell, collector at Bristol, on a bill of exchange on the Admiralty Commissioners, charging the same as an imprest on Wade's account.	6
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out bills of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 3,000*l.* a week for 8 weeks, commencing 25 Jan. last, to be issued by him for carrying on the victualling.	7
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for the refitting of all the 3rd and 4th-rate frigates now in harbour, so that they may be in a posture, tallowing excepted, to be put to sea on any emergency. With note of 16 frigates at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, and Harwich.	8
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to hire and send away two ketches to Vice-Adm. Goodson before Dunkirk, to fetch water for his squadron; also to send a main and forecourse for the Newbury, and cables for the Newbury and Selby.	9
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order for paying the wages due to the officers and company of the Assistance, refitting at Chatham, as soon as she arrives in the Hope, reserving the usual 3 months in hand.	10
„ 4	„ - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy cleaning and setting forth of the Merlin at Deptford, to bear 70 men and 12 guns.	11
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for the speedy refitting of the Torrington and Taunton for the southern expedition, and for furnishing the Dover with stores, &c., convenient for that service, the Torrington to bear 260 men and 50 guns, and the Taunton and Dover 160 men and 36 guns each.	12

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Mar. 4	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order for the speedy cleaning and setting forth of the Signet at Deptford, to bear 40 men and 6 guns.	13
„ „	Samuel Price, planter at *Bermuda*.	Adm. Com.	Petition for the signing and paying of written tickets given by some seamen there on their pay in England, for necessaries supplied by him to them, which the Navy Commissioners refuse to pass, they not being printed, and it being unusual for the Navy Office to sign tickets bought without the order of the Admiralty Commissioners. Disbursements of this nature have been the means of preserving many men's lives in the Indies, who might otherwise have perished for want of comfortable accommodation. With order to the Navy Commissioners to sign them, if there is no other obstruction than that the tickets are not printed, but on security to indemnify the State against all further demands. Noted signed upon Jermin Pyend's bond.	14
„ 5	Jno. Richards, late master of the *Mermaid*.	„	Petition for employment at sea, having served during all the Dutch wars, and afterwards on merchant affairs to Rochelle, when he was taken by the Biscaneers and carried to St. Sebastian's, where he endured 20 weeks' miserable imprisonment, and is now destitute. With certificate by Sir Rich. Stayner.	15, 16
„ 6	Adm. Judges, *Dunkirk*.	Pass.	For Edw. Stone, Jno. Provo, and Ralph Grand, Englishmen taken at sea and carried to Dunkirk, to proceed in the packet boat for England, in exchange for Jno. Jansen, Wm. Crigerman, and Jno. Peere.	17, 18
„ „	Ch. Clearke, jun., *Exeter*.	Capt. Geo. Pley.	Received his advice of 400*l.* having been remitted to Mr. Dibursty, but he has only received 300*l.*, and has returned the bill for 100*l.*, as he cannot get payment; will send it by the first trusty messenger; hopes he will order the receipt of it by some other, as Dibursty will not.	19
„ „	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth*.	Navy Com[rs]	Sends a demand for lignum vitæ shivers. Mr. Peirson is proceeding with the works of the dry dock, the gates and apron of which have been tried by letting in the tide through the dam, and all was found firm. He is now clearing the bottom for the ground waste and taking away of the dam, and finds the ground good. The Ruby has put back by contrary winds.	20
„ 8	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to enter Rich. Price as porter in the yard at Woolwich, in place of Geo. Simmons, deceased, with the same salary and allowances.	21
„ „	Wm. Hockett - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for his arrears of wages as master of the Elias, he being about to proceed to sea again. With order to the Navy Commissioners for payment.	22
„ „	Edw. Homewood -	„	Petition for a lieutenant's place in the navy, having served the State at sea since 1654 - -	23
„ „	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *London*.	„	The Pembroke wanting a boat, and Capt. Rider having a Flemish-built shallop, gave him a bill on them for 7*l.*; as it was much needed, and is a good pennyworth, desires he may be paid.	24
„ 9	Wm. Hart, cook of the *Lion*.	„	Petition for the cook's place in the Swiftsure, vacant by death of Morgan Prosser; served as cook to Gen. Penn during all the Dutch wars, and has been twice to Jamaica. With certificate by Capt. Jno. Lambert and Lieut. Wm. Dale of the Lion.	25, 26
„ „	Capt. Hen. Land -	„	Desires that Geo. Jaques, late gunner of the Beaver, may be appointed gunner to the Signet -	27

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Mar. 9	Commissioners for Appeals and Regulating the Excise -	Navy Com^rs	Order to request them, on the motion of Mr. Finch, of counsel with Wm. Smith, security for Nich. Bond, late farmer of the excise of timber, to certify the number of masts imported on the State's account from Hamburg, between 25 March 1656 and 25 March 1657, whereupon they will make such order as is just	28
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to send a cable to the Downs for the use of the London - - - - -	29
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Robt. Turpin for 800*l.* on account for sick and wounded seamen -	30
„ 11	„ - -	„	Order to consider what sails and cables will be necessary for furnishing 10 3rd and 4th-rate frigates named, belonging to Capt. Jno. Stoakes' squadron in the Straits, for the summer's service, and to send them by the ships to be taken up by the Commissioners for victualling.	31
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for the speedy refitting of the Gloucester and Portland, the former to bear 260 men and 50 guns, and the latter 160 men and 38 guns.	32
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to send another cable to Capt. Whitehorn in the Downs for the London - - -	33
„ 12	„ - -	„	Order for fitting out the Diver hoy, and sending Robt. Willis, the diver, to Harwich, to recover the guns of the Liberty, cast away off Harwich, and furnishing him with materials and instruments.	34
„ 13	Robt. Walker, *Flushing.*	His Sister, care of Mary Carey, *Wapping.*	Thanks for her letter and the seal for clearing him. Has received the 20*s.* of Thos. Hamilton, merchant at Ostend. Has bought a ketch at Flushing for 83*l.*, the money to be paid to the merchant at London, and desires she will pay it and send him 3*l.* more to Hamilton to help him to London. Whatever is expended will be repaid. Hopes she will get young John Peterusen, gunner, cleared.	35
„ 16	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for building a shallop to carry 2 guns that will row well, and of the same dimensions as those last built; also for providing 2 boats for the Newbury and Maidstone, to be hastened to the Downs, and sent to Vice-Adm. Goodson before Ostend.	36
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for the speedy refitting and cleaning of the Reserve - - - - -	37
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to examine the account of Thos. White of Dover, of money disbursed for the salvage of stores and provisions recovered from the Princess Maria, and to make out a bill for what is due.	38
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out bills to Capt. Edw. Allen for 5,000*l.*, to be issued and paid by him for the discharge of debts for provisions on the old Declaration for last year.	39
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell for 100*l.*, for so much disbursed by Capt. Hen. Hatsell for maintenance of Spanish prisoners at Plymouth.	40
„ 18	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell for 20*l.*, which he is to disburse for the public service -	41
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to hire and send away a convenient ketch to carry water to Capt. Haddock, commander of the squadron before Dunkirk and Mardike.	42
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to consider the demand of the officers of the London in the Downs for boatswain's and carpenter's stores, and cause such a proportion thereof as they judge necessary to be sent away forthwith.	43

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1657–8. Mar. 18	Gilbert Cornelius, late Judge-Advocate to the Fleet under Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson in *America*.	The Protector.	Petition for an order to the Admiralty Commissioners to grant him some allowance for his services. Was in the first expedition to America as volunteer, as lieutenant of the Portland, then quartermaster of a regiment at Hispaniola, and then judge-advocate 13 months. The Admiralty Commissioners refer him to the Committee for America, and they refer him to the Admiralty Commissioners because he was a naval officer, so that he has already waited 16 months for a decision, to his ruin. With reference by the Protector to the Admiralty Commissioners, and their order, 10 April, to the Navy Commissioners to reward petitioner with such a salary as they think fit.	Vol. 189. 44
,, ,,	Hen. Scobell - -	Navy Com^rs	Desires they will despatch the bearer, who has long waited for a warrant - - -	45
,, 19	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order to allow an additional 10*l.* a year to Chas. Stannian, usher of the Admiralty Chamber, so as to make his wages 50*l.*, for cleaning the chamber and adjoining offices, and in consideration of extra work since the death of Ambrose Tooth a year since.	46
,, ,,	Ordnance Officers -	Robert Blackborne.	Andrew Drake, master gunner of the Portland, having passed his accounts, desire he will assist him in obtaining a renewal of his warrant.	47
,, 20	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for refitting the Nonsuch and Eaglet ketches for present service - - - -	48
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jonas Poole for 17*s.* a day from 13 July 1657 to the time the Unicorn was paid off, during which time he served as vice-admiral of the fleet which stayed behind on the coast of Spain after Gen. Blake left.	49
,, 21	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	,,	Asks for an increase of salary, it having been but small these 6 years; for above a year, has acted as check without any allowance for it.	50
,, 22	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order to examine the account of money disbursed by Wm. Blaydes at Hull for washing, tallowing, and searching the Advice, and make out a bill to Ensign Rich. Elton for what appears due thereon.	51
,, ,,	Navy Com. - -	Adm. Com.	Recommend the suit of Thos. Davies for admission into some hospital in London, or for an order to the Governors of the Chest, to grant him relief. He served as a caulker in Portsmouth dockyard for several years, but meeting with an accident while at work, has been disabled, and having spent the little he had saved in trying to effect a cure, has become an object of much pity.	52
,, 23	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a survey of the Mayflower at Deptford, and a report upon the condition of her hull, and if fit to be repaired, what the charge will amount to, and in what time she may be fit for sea. With their reply, 26 March, that she can be fitted in 10 or 12 days, at the cost of 80*l.*, as far as her hull is concerned.	53, 54
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for the speedy refitting and cleaning of the Hind ketch for service in the Channel, to bear 40 men and 8 guns.	55

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1657–8. Mar. 23	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order that all the clerks attending on the Navy Commissioners, except Mr. Turner, clerk-general, be discharged from and after the 1st of April, and their salaries taken off, and that there be only 6 clerks settled for the Navy Office. The Navy Commissioners to consider of fit and able persons, and of competent salaries to be allowed them, and to propound their names and salaries to the Admiralty Commissioners by Tuesday next.	Vol. 189. 56
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill of imprest to John Upton for 500*l.*, on account of provisions bought by him for the Navy.	57
,, 24	Officers of the *Nantwich.*	—	Examinations to prove that when with Gen. Blake on the coast of Spain, Capt. Anth. Young and other officers came on board, by order of Vice-Adm. Bourne, to search the frigate for money and plate, and took from them respectively 257 pieces of 8, 342 pieces of 8, and 10 gold pistoles, and 253 pieces of 8 and 10 gold pistoles, which they had from some Spaniards taken in a ship put on shore on the coast of Spain by the Nantwich and Centurion. Noted, "Examinations as to the pieces of 8 taken from Capt. Jefferies."	58
,, ,,	Navy Comrs., *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	The Torrington has taken in her provisions and waits a wind, and the Gloucester will be graved and ready for her victuals by Monday. As the new frigate built at Chatham is to be launched to-morrow, ask by what name she is to be called.	59
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	Peter Carter, cook of the Gloucester, being very old, desires to make an exchange with Dan. Candish, cook of the Unicorn, for the present voyage. Will launch the Plymouth and also the new frigate to-morrow and set her masts; if she is intended for sea, desires order to enter the master and other officers, who have had their warrants many months.	60
1658. ,, 25	Jno. Hiatt, shipwright, *Deptford.*	,,	Petition for a warrant as master carpenter of the Eaglet ketch, having served in the yard at Deptford for many years, as also at sea in the Constant Warwick, as one of the carpenter's crew. With certificate by Jonas Shish of his services.	61, 62
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Fowler, Judge-Advocate of the fleet, payable to Kath. Fowler, from the time he was last paid, at the rate of 3*s.* a day.	63
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for fitting out the new 5th-rate frigate at Chatham, called the Bradford, which is to bear 110 men and 22 guns.	64
,, 27	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill to Robt. Seaman of Harwich for 261*l.* 10*s.*, for the quarters, cure, and other charges of 125 soldiers sent from Mardike to Harwich, payable out of moneys ordered to be paid to the Navy Treasurer for the service of Mardike.	65
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order—on their stating the accounts given of Rich. Creed, Deputy-Treasurer of the fleet, whereby it appears that 17,059*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* is due to him, of which 757*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* being for victuals should be paid by the Victualling Office—that they make out bills for the balance due.	66

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Mar. 27	Capt. Joseph Ames, *Winsby, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Complains of his purser, Christ. Harker, as a lewd, wicked person, and addicted to drunkenness. He was with him in the Holland war, and having carried himself well, recommended him to Major Burton for the steward's place in the Winsby, which was granted; but was deceived in him, and knows not how he became purser. Is sorry he was an instrument to bring such a wicked person into office, but men grow better or worse, and there is no standing still in this world. Has not seen him since 23 Feb. last, when he left him at Portsmouth. Desires a supply of tickets. With note by Wm. Allison and 4 others verifying the charges against Harker.	67
,, ,,	Thos. Constable -	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the Navy Commissioners to pay him his wages for the 12 months he was chaplain of the Unicorn. With warrant of the Admiralty Commissioners of 20 Sept. 1655 appointing him minister of the Gainsborough, and certificate of Capt. Jonas Poole, commander of the Unicorn.	68–70
,, 29	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham Dockyard.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks for 100 bales of noyals canvas, 30 cwt. of hard tallow, and 3 cwt. of Holland twine, for supply of the stores.	71
,, 30	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order for sending away, in the ketch lately come from Vice-Adm. Goodson before Ostend, a maincourse for the Nonsuch, and such carpenters' stores as have been demanded for his fleet; also a cable of 14½ inches for the Foresight in the Hope.	72
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for refitting the Naseby and one of the 2nd-rate ships that can soonest be ready. With their reply, 31 March, that they have given directions for refitting the Naseby, and that the Swiftsure, which is a 2nd-rate ship, is already rigged and fitted; but if she is not to be used, they will give directions for refitting another.	73, 74
March ?	Nich. Bradley and Thos. Wilkins, smith.	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of 1,004*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* for a chain of Spanish iron, and its fittings, for mooring ships at Deptford, delivered in Dec. 1657, others who delivered chains being already paid. With 2 like notes of request for payment.	75–77
,,	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	—	Account of the quantity of shot taken out of the stores at Bristol and put on board ships named for Portsmouth, the Fleet, and the Tower.	78
,,	Ordnance Officers -	—	Account of what has been received into the ordnance stores at the Tower from Thos. Shewell of Bristol since Sept. 1655.	79
March.	Sam. Cooper, Jos. Larke.	—	Three weekly musters, and brief accounts of Spanish prisoners in Chelsea College, noting those that are sick or dead, or have escaped or been discharged—taken according to an Admiralty order of 26 Dec. 1657—from 4 Jan. to 22 March 1657–8.	80–88
,,	Rich. Vinson - -	—	Six like musters of the said prisoners in Plymouth Castle. 4 Jan.—15 March 1657–8.	89–94
,,	John Fugill - -	—	Eleven like musters of the said prisoners in Clifford's Tower, York. 4 Jan.–22 March 1657–8. With note of moneys paid for them.	95–105
April 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for sale and disposal of the old decayed woods and underwoods in Beare Forest, containing 60 acres in the old and 45 acres in the new copse, there having been much spoil thereof, the proceeds to be paid to the Navy Treasurer. Also for felling, converting, and sending to Portsmouth for the navy, 120 oak and 30 ash trees out of the West Walk there.	Vol. 190. 1

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April 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Hen. Webley for 100*l.*, 60*l.* for services as marshal to the Admiralty, and 40*l.* on account of the great expenses incurred during his sickness.	2
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for cleaning the Norwich at Woolwich - - - - - - - -	3
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages of the officers and workmen in the yard at Portsmouth - - -	4
,, 3	,, - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Robt. Grassingham of Harwich for 34*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*, payable out of the money assigned by the Protector and Council for the affairs of Mardike, being the balance of 82*l.* expended by him in procuring provisions for soldiers intended to be sent to Mardike, and for the hire of a vessel for their transport, but such provisions not being used, were sold at a loss. With his letter and account.	5–7
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill to Richard Garrard, Deputy Marshal-General to the army, for 200*l.*, to be disbursed by him towards the maintenance of prisoners of war in his custody.	8
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett	Adm. Com.	Mr. Rabinett, master of attendance, being dead, recommends either Mr. Carslacke, formerly master of the Naseby, or Capt. Wm. Brookes, recommended by Lord Montague, to succeed him. Has disposed of the 1,000*l.* appointed for wounded seamen to a great many poor perishing creatures, but only paid them off to last Christmas, and there are so many left unpaid that he was forced to get out of town by a private way, for fear they would tear him to pieces. Is going for Chatham, where he will have little peace until more money be appointed, there being very many pensioners living thereabouts. If the remainder of the 2,000*l.* were ordered, would distribute it as equally, and satisfy the most necessitous.	9
,, 4	Thos. Dingley, *Ostend.*	His Wife, *Salisbury St., Redriff.*	Asks her to send him money, being ill with an ague and fever, and having been stripped of all he had. The man-of-war that took him has also been taken, with 12 of his men, so hopes release by exchange.	10
,, 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to the ordnance officers for 569*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.* on account of the affairs of Mardike. Damaged.	11
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill to Capt. John Taylor for ——*l.* on the same account. Damaged -	12
,, 6	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	There has been no delay of the storekeeper in dispatching the ship, but she has been detained in the river by contrary winds. Hopes they will consider his letter of last week concerning the Harwich debts.	13
,, 7	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Advised them on the 5th both as to what sailcloth was ready to be shipped for Deptford, as also his need of a further supply of money to satisfy disbursements and carry on that affair. Has since given a bill on them for 200*l.*, which he hopes will be accepted and paid. Has acquainted the Admiralty Commissioners, that it may be ordered to the treasurer.	14
,, 8	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order that the place of one of the masters of attendance at Chatham Yard, void by the death of Mr. Rabinett, be abolished, as the business relating to the said office, and formerly transacted by two persons, can be carried on by one.	15

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April 8	Major Robt. Thomson, Capt. Fras. Willoughby, Navy Com^rs, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Falmouth may be fitted for a 12 months' voyage for the design propounded in a month, at a cost of 360*l.*, and as the spring tide would be lost if they stayed for an order, have directed her to be hauled on shore for immediate dispatch.	16
„ 9	Jno. Hebbs, accountant.	—	Certificate that, by order of the Commissioners of Customs, he has perused the account of Geo. Dawson, collector of customs in Newcastle, and finds there is 2,000*l.* resting on his account ending 25 March 1658.	17
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	[Adm. [Com.]	Has had a survey made of all the masts in the stores at Chatham, and as there are only 69 of various sizes, besides some great New England masts, and there may suddenly be a want of them, it would be convenient to deal with Capt. Taylor for the shipload he has; if they are all of Swedish wood, new and sound, and the same number and size as his great masts, he will deserve more for those from 18 hands and upwards than was formerly given.	18
„ 10	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Gainsborough, reserving 3 months in hand, and to direct her speedy refitting.	19
„ „	John Jelley, purser in the *Sampson.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for a remove. Has been 3 years out of employment since the firing of the Discovery. Was appointed to the Sampson 12 months since, but she is not likely to go to sea. With note in his favour by Miles Temple.	20, 21
„ 12	Major Robt. Thomson, Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Having received directions for paying the Gainsborough, and for Mr. Child to take up money for it, and thinking they might send down clerks needlessly, desire forbearance, as they are now returning.	22
„ 13	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Mr. House, his former minister, being ill, desired leave to go for England, which was granted, and Thos. Constable performed the duties to the end of the voyage.	23
„ 14	Saml. Hyland, *Southwark.*	„	Recommends Timothy Clamp, master of the Constant Warwick, for command of a prize brought into Plymouth by him, in the taking of which he hazarded his life.	24
„ „	J. Pitt, the *Speaker, off Ostend.*	Navy Com^rs	Understands that some tickets presented to them to be signed for the time he served in the London and other ships were not only refused but torn up, on the account that he has a salary. Is not so much troubled thereat as at being thought an exacter of more than his due, and rather than have any such thing found in him, would part with all he has. But by the order of the Admiralty Commissioners of Jan. or Mar. 1656, his ship's pay is to be allowed besides his salary; if that is not satisfactory, will procure further orders from them.	25
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	„	Finds that some of the parcels of sailcloth formerly sent have not been found answerable to the pattern in goodness; will look to it for the future. When any difference is found, wants to know which sort it is by the mark on the bale, that he may the better find it out. Wants his bill speedily paid. Noted that payment of the bill has been procured, and that Mr. Davis is to certify when there is any difference, as also the mark upon it.	26

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1658.				Vol. 190.
April 14	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Particulars of the defects of the Falmouth, which will take 6 weeks to repair, and be a greater charge than the estimate; will hasten her dispatch unless countermanded. The Nonsuch has arrived at Spithead to transport some soldiers to Mardike, and there are 150 to be shipped to-morrow.	27
„ „	John Milner - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of a ticket assigned to him by Nich. Webber, master's mate of the Paul, in the West Indies, for necessaries supplied to him there, which the Navy Commissioners refuse to sign or allow as not being printed, and it not being usual to allow them in the absence of the right party, without the order and approbation of the Admiralty Commissioners. With order to the Navy Commissioners for payment, if believed to be genuine, on security against further claims.	28
„ 15	Committee of Council for the Affairs of *Mardike.*	„	Order to examine the account of Capt. Jno. Taylor for furnishing workmen, provisions, and materials for the service of Mardike, by direction of the Protector and Council.	29
„ „	Lord Geo. Fleetwood, *Covent Garden.*	Col. Salmon, Major Beake, Adm. Com.	Desires they will consider the petition and certificate of Capt. David Young concerning the discovery of the Spanish fleet to Gen. Blake. As he lost his right hand in the wars with Holland, and cannot obtain employment in the State's service, has given him a letter of recommendation to the King of Sweden, for the command of one of his ships, having heard a very good report of his service done to this State.	30
„ 16	Jacob Bryan, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a muster book of the Constant Warwick. Has received several letters from Anth. Denice, who entered on 5 Jan. 1656–7, and continued until 5 Jan. 1657–8, when, pretending great necessity, the captain ordered a ticket to be made out for his relief; but as soon as he obtained it, he sold it to Mr. Pateson of Plymouth, and remained idling on shore while the money lasted. The frigate being ordered as a convoy to the Downs, Capt. Whitehorn of the Speaker came on board, and told the captain that Denice was his servant by indenture, and had several years to serve, and the captain being then troubled that he had given him a ticket, directed another to be made out for the remainder of his time, and given to Capt. Whitehorn, which was done, so that now he has not a penny due from the State, let his pretence be what it will.	31
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The Newbury has arrived from Vice-Adm. Goodson before Ostend to clean and revictual. The Gloucester has victualled and sailed, and the Reserve and Bradford will be suddenly dispatched. The new shallop is ready for launching, and may sail next week if her oars are sent down; when she arrives at the fleet, an able man should be appointed by Vice-Adm. Goodson from one of the ships to look after her; it will be no charge to the State, nor prejudice to any ship's company, to part with one man for the security of the vessel.	32
„ 17	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell for 102*l.* 16*s.* for Capt. Hen. Hatsell, being so much disbursed by him for maintenance, &c., of the Spanish prisoners at Plymouth.	33
„ „	„ -	„	Order for the speedy refitting of the Diamond for the service of Jamaica, to bear 160 men and 36 guns.	34

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1658.				Vol. 130.
April 17	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Has provided shipping for transporting 1,200 soldiers to Mardike, as also made provision of victuals for them, but not having as yet spoken with any of the commanders of the regiments, cannot settle the business as he desired to-day.	35
„ 18	Jonas Shish - -	Navy Com^rs	Repairs of ships - - - - - - - - - - - -	36
„ 19	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth, Newcastle.*	„	Having been unable to get northward on account of the winds, has been plying between Newcastle and Huntliff Foot. Heard that 3 Ostenders had taken 3 small coal ships, but they were gone off the coast before he came southward; gave notice, however, to the governor of Tynemouth Castle, whereby he might do the same to the fleet and fishermen among the coal ships. The greater part of the fishers have gained their voyage and gone to Yarmouth; does not know whether they will make a second voyage. Has 5 weeks' provisions left, having received a month's in the Firth, by order of Lord Monk; will keep plying in the fishing grounds until it is nearly expended, and then go for Yarmouth Roads. Has been in every storm since 14 Feb., yet his pink holds very tight and strong.	37
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *London, Downs.*	„	Since the 16th ult. has made out 10 more tickets for relief of the families of 10 men named, whose earnest importunities induced him to do that which he is unwilling; hopes they will excuse the trouble and order payment. Mr. Culmer desires order for the sale by inch of candle of a quantity of old and useless boats. The pilots being about to erect a gallery to look to seaboard at all times, which will be serviceable to themselves, as also to the public, desire the gift of the topmast formerly belonging to the Sovereign, which was disabled by shot in the Dutch war.	38
„ 20	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Rob. Turpin for 500*l.* for sick and wounded seamen -	39
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for the refitting of the Expedition at Chatham for service in the Channel - - -	40
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Taylor for 500*l.* on account of Mardike, charging the same as an imprest on his account.	41
„ „	Capt. Nath. Browne, the *Taunton.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Clement Coxson as minister in the Taunton, the one they appointed having declined to go the voyage.	42
„ „	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Hope.*	Navy Com^rs	Asks for a supply of sails, a minute glass, compass, and other necessaries which were formerly allowed on his coast. With reference thereon by the Navy Commissioners to Capt. Eustace Smith, and his reply as to what ought to be supplied.	43
„ 22	Rob. Willis, diver -	Adm. Com.	Petition, stating that on their order, he has fitted out the Diver hoy, but the vessel being so small, and the employment so short and dangerous, having to lie day and night among the sands, he cannot get seamen willing to go at the usual wages, and on applying to the Navy Commissioners to be allowed to contract with them as formerly at 30*s.* a month, and with a pilot at 3*l.* a month, and to have a Harwich wherry with 2 men to assist him, they declined, as not being within their compass to allow without order of the Admiralty Commissioners. With order to make him the same allowance for a pilot and mariners as he had last summer, as also to furnish him with a wherry and 2 men.	44

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1658. April 22	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Reference of a letter from Robt. Longe, master of the Gloucester, asking for a further supply of sails, with order to examine the cause of one giving way at the yard, and to appoint what are necessary, so that the ship may have quick dispatch.	Vol. 190. 45, 46
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to Capt. Edw. Tarleton for his services as commander of the Islip, any former order of suspension notwithstanding.	47
,, 23	Capt. Jno. Taylor,	Navy Com^r.	Has got the new frigate Bradford down to Gillingham, and hopes she and the Advice will be in the Hope to-morrow. The shallop is ready for sending to Mardike. Capt. Whitehorn desires a pinnace to carry water, but the Commissioner being absent, cannot send it without order. It would be good husbandry to appoint a master to the great shallop, as she will cost 200*l.*, with her provisions, &c., and he might serve for 20*s.* a month more than a midshipman. Recommends Hen. Robarts, son-in-law to Mr. Watts, and an old servant.	48
,, 24	Geo. Kendall, *Chatham.*	,,	The Gloucester had as many sails as their warrant allowed, viz., 2 suits and a spare sail, one suit being new and the other new last summer, but new banded. How they gave way, or where the fault lies, is not known, but the master of attendance says that it is not strange for a new sail to split, and that he has formerly certified that 3 suits are necessary for such a voyage, or 2 with some spare ones. If order is given, the frigate may be supplied with what she requires.	49
,, 26	Dan. Furzer, *Lidney*	Comr. Fras. Willoughby.	Is in a sad condition for want of money to support his family, pay his workmen, and carry on the business, and unless he has a speedy supply, it must fail; the timber will not be got down this summer, as 256*l.* is wanted for sawing timber and making trenails in the Forest, and for bringing it down, and the carriers are resolved not to go on unless they are assured of their money. Has been thrice to Bristol about a bill of exchange, but cannot procure anything, unless he can assure them the money is in the bank; Mr. Shewell, who formerly promised to advance some, now declines without special order, and Major [Wade] has none. Has written 3 letters before, but not having received any answer, sends copies of them. There is 4*l.* 10*s.* to be deducted out of Mr. Roche's freight for the carriage of 15 tons of timber in the State's trow.	50
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have examined the papers of Gilbert Cornelius, employed as judge-advocate in the West Indies by Vice-Adm. Goodson, for which service he received midshipman's pay in the Torrington. Mr. Bodham had 61*l.* 15*s.* allowed on his account for the advocate at 5*s.* a day, which determined on Gen. Penn's coming home, 19 Sept. 1655. Cornelius entered on that service, 16 July 1655, and continued until 16 July 1656, and if his midshipman's pay of 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* a month be made up to 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, which is 3*s.* 4*d.* per diem, it will be a sufficient compensation.	51
,, ,,	Jno. Stainforth, *Chelsea College.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Charles Slamborough, late a prisoner in Chelsea College, who went out upon his parole to Flanders, has returned, and is now a prisoner there.	52

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1658.				Vol. 190.
April 27	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs] and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to Capt. Jno. Sherwin, for the time he served as commander of the Primrose.	53
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Ruby at Portsmouth -	54
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Expedition at Woolwich -	55
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to make out a bill to the owners of the Levant Merchant, lately employed as one of the squadron in the Straits under Capt. Rich. Badiley, deceased, for 2,900*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.* for her freight, and loss in the service of the Commonwealth against the enemy.	56
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for the speedy refitting of the Paradox at Portsmouth, that she may return to her station as one of the guard for the coast of Ireland, as also for the necessary repair of the Ruby, that she may be fit for service on any emergency.	57
„ „	Lord Jno. Barkstead, *Tower.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Timothy Clamp, master of the Constant Warwick, for the command of the Michael of St. Sebastian, lately taken by him, and brought into Plymouth.	58
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com[rs]	Sends an account of lignum vitæ shivers in the stores, also an address he has received from the labourers in the yard, of whose sad condition he is very sensible, and as it is given out that when the pay comes, it will only be for half a year, the bakers and butchers will not trust them any longer; one was cast into prison by a baker, and forced to procure a ticket, which he sold for his redemption. If they will further payment by such arguments as may prevail, the poor will bless them.	59
„ 28	Capt. Jo. Llouyd -	Adm. Com.	Certify that Elliot Sheares, late master of the Diamond under his command, has worthily, diligently, and prudently fulfilled all the duties of his place, and carried himself very honestly.	60
„ 29	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	—	Account of powder, shot, and other stores required for the garrison of Great Yarmouth, whence Lowestoft, Southwold, Aldborough, Norwich, and parts adjacent are supplied, as also Col. Brewster.	61
„ 30	Geo. Maplesden -	—	Account of oak timber, elm and ash timber, treenails, faggots, reed, and ox hair, delivered by him into the stores at Chatham from 1 April 1657 to 30 April 1658. With receipts thereof by Phin. Pett and Rob. Sewell.	62
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	—	Account for repairing of ships and their furniture and fittings, and supplying stores from Jan. 5 1657–8 to the end of March, total, 772*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* Also of bills for pilotage and other necessaries. Noted "A bill past 26 April 1658."	63

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1657.				
June 4	Pass - -	For Wm. Hicks to France - - - - - - - - - - -	—	79
July 16	License - -	For Walter Strickland to remain 3 months longer in England, renewing the security given to Maj.-Gen. Rob. Lilburne.	13	—
„ „	„ - -	For Mr. Vanderperen to transport a stone horse beyond sea - - - - - -	13	—
Aug. 4	Serj. Dendy -	To bring Wm. Astley, Chas. Gifford, and —— Allanson, prisoners in Shrewsbury Castle, in safe custody before Council.	50	84
„ „	Sheriff of co. *Salop*, Governor of *Shrewsbury*, &c.	To deliver the said men to Serj. Dendy, to be brought up - - - -	—	84
„ „	Sir John Barkstead	To receive Col. Edw. Sexby and keep him close prisoner in the Tower for high treason -	50	85
„ „	Pass - -	For Step. Boynton to France to the English army, by desire of Col. Talbot - - -	65	85
„ 6	„ - -	For Sir Edw. Witherington, lady, and 2 servants, to Holland - - - -	65	85
„ „	„ - -	For Thos. Wood of Hackney beyond seas - - - - - -	65	85
„ „	„ - -	For Rob. Meryng and Hugh Starkie, and servant, to Holland - - - -	65	86
„ „	„ - -	For Hen. Paulet and one servant to France, on desire of Col. Cromwell - - -	65	86
„ „	„ - -	For Lord Teynham, Wm. Roper, and 3 servants to France - - - - -	65	86
„ „	„ - -	For Lady Webb, with 2 men and 2 maids, to the Spaw - - - - -	65	86
„ „	„ - -	For Fras. Lovelace and servant to Holland - - - - - - -	65	86
„ „	„ -	For Otto Phil. Camsen, the Count of Oldenburg's gentleman, to sail in the Golden Sun of Amsterdam now in the Thames, with his servants, and 12 horses, custom free, for Oldenburg.	63	87
„ „	„ - -	For Hen. Mowbray to Flushing - - - - - - - -	65	87
„ 13	„ - -	For Rob. Gayre and 2 servants to Holland - - - - - - -	75	87
„ „	„ - -	For Wm. Standish to Holland - - - - - - - -	75	87
„ „	„ - -	For the America of London, with Thos. Crowther her captain, and her officers, to the West Indies and back.	—	88
„ 14	„ - -	For Col. Rob. Sydney and servants to Holland - - - - -	75	88
„ „	License - -	„ to export one horse to Holland - - - -	75	88
„ 18	Pass - -	For Sir John Chichester and servant to France - - - - - -	92	89
„ „	„ - -	For Chris. Pickering and servant to Holland - - - - - -	92	89
„ 20	„ - -	For Heneage, Earl of Winchelsea, and 4 servants to Holland - - - -	99	89
„ „	License - -	For Ambr. Nieuport to take up at the Custom House, custom free, 12 hhds. of French wines sent from Zealand for his own use.	98	—
„ 25	„ - -	For the export, custom free, of 223 reams of paper, parchment, office books, and other stationery and office furniture, to Ireland, for service of the Council there.	—	90

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1657.				
Aug. 25	Protection from impress.	For the John and Elizabeth, 6 men and a boy, taken up to carry the goods of Maj.-Gen. Wm. Jephson, his Highness's envoy to the King of Sweden.	108	91
„ 27	Serj. Dendy -	To apprehend Hen. Eversden, and keep him in safe custody - - - - -	—	91
Sept. 2	Pass - -	For Rich. Minshull and 3 servants to Holland - - - - - -	—	92
„ „	„ - -	For Peter Killigrew and 1 servant to France - - - - - -	—	92
„ „	„ - -	For Edw. Hales, and Lambert Gogleman his tutor, to France - - - -	—	92
„ „	„ - -	For Edm. Plowden and servants to France - - - - - - -	—	92
„ „	„ - -	For Wm. Godolphin „ „ - - - - - - -	—	93
„ 8	„ - -	For Peter Hardress to France - - - - - - - -	134	93
„ 15	„ - -	For John Vaughan and servant to France - - - - - - -	148	94
„ „	„ - -	For Hugh, Thomas, and John Chamberlain and 2 servants beyond seas - - -	148	94
„ 17	„ - -	For Lord Stafford and 3 servants to Holland - - - - - -	—	94
„ 30	„ - -	For Sir John Ogle and 1 servant to France - - - - - -	181	94
„ „	„ - -	For Thos. Ogle and servant, and Capt. Thos. Ogle and 2 servants to Holland - -	181	95
„ „	„ - -	For Jas. Watts and servant, and 10 couples of hounds beyond sea - - - -	181	95
Oct. 1	„ - -	For Hen. Comer to France - - - - - - - - -	190	95
„ „	„ - -	For John Chesse to Holland - - - - - - - -	190	96
„ „	„ - -	For John Crispe to France - - - - - - - - -	190	96
„ „	„ - -	For Thos. Page „ - - - - - - - - -	190	96
„ „	„ - -	For Theodore Host beyond sea, in order to his travels in foreign parts - - -	190	96
„ „	„ - -	For Rob. Riddle to France - - - - - - - - -	190	97
„ „	„ - -	For Edm. Thorold and 2 servants to France - - - - - - -	190	98
„ „	„ - -	For Hester Smith to Hamburg, on desire of Lord Paisley - - - - -	190	—
„ 6	„ - -	For Lieut.-Col. John Jubbs for Holland - - - - - - -	193	97
„ „	„ - -	For Sir Edw. Steward, his lady, sister, 2 men and 2 maids, for Holland - - -	194	97
„ 13	„ - -	For Rob. Honeywood and 2 servants to Holland - - - - - -	212	98
„ 15	„ - -	For William, Lord Callen, son to the Earl of Desmond, and Bassingbeere Gawdy, with two servants, to France; moved by the Earl of Mulgrave.	217	98
Nov. 3	„ - -	For Eliz. Bindloss and 3 servants to Holland - - - - - - -	252	99
„ „	„ - -	For Jean Aragon to Ireland, at request of the interpreter to the French ambassador -	252	99
„ 12	„ - -	For Amb. Nieuport to return to the Low Countries with 14 horses, and 5 for his secretary, custom free.	277	100
„ 17	„ - -	For Georgius Fredericus, Baron of Eilenburg, Ahasuerus le Lohntoch, Simon Segers and their servants, to France.	—	100
„ 18	„ - -	For Rob. Voysey to France - - - - - - - - - -	—	100
„ „	„ - -	For Thos. Neale to Ireland - - - - - - - - - -	—	100

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1657.				
Nov. 26	Pass - -	For Peter Vanderslaught of Kent to Bruges, Flanders - - - - -	306	102
Dec. 3	Serj. Dendy -	To arrest Phil. Howard, John Carew, and Step. Walker, and bring them in custody to answer before Council about a duel or challenge.	—	104
„ 10	Pass - -	For Thos. Risdon and servant to France - - - - - - -	342	104
„ „	„ - -	For Wm. Knightley, merchant, to Antwerp - - - - - - -	342	104
„ „	„ - -	For Marmaduke Constable and 2 servants beyond seas, to travel in foreign parts - -	342	105
„ „	„ - -	For Wm. Dormer and servant to France - - - - - -	342	105
„ „	„ - -	For Chas. Howard, with 2 servants, to Amsterdam - - - - - -	342	—
„ 18	„ - -	For Eman. Altham and servant to Holland - - - - - - -	360	105
„ „	„ - -	For George St. Quintin and Wm. Wurts to Mardike - - - -	360	105
„ „	„ - -	For Art. George and servant to France - - - - - - -	360	110
„ 22	License - -	To Col. Phil. Jones, controller of his Highness's household, to import 40 tuns of sack, 40 of French, 6 of Flemish wine, and 10 of vinegar, customs and excise free.	361	106
„ 24	Pass - -	For John Talbot and servant to France - - - - - -	367	106
1657-8.				
Jan. 14	„ - -	For Lord Litchfield and servants to France - - - - - - -	404	—
Feb. 9	„ - -	For John, Lord Paulet, and 2 servants, to France - - - - - -	429	107
„ „	„ - -	For George, Lord Seymour, and 3 servants „ - - - - - -	429	—
„ 16	License - -	For Thos. Lacy to export a horse - - - - - - - -	430	107
„ „	Serj. Dendy -	To apprehend Col. John White, for words spoken against his Highness and the present Government, and bring him before Council on suspicion of high treason.	444	108
„ 18	Pass - -	For Thos. Bedingfield and 3 servants beyond seas - - - - - -	445	108
„ „	„ - -	For Wm. Callow, of Clement's Inn, and James Pursall beyond seas - - - -	445	108
„ „	„ - -	For Hugh and John Chamberlain, with 2 servants - - - - - -	445	—
„ 19	„ - -	For Wm. Anderson to Zealand - - - - - - - -	462	109
„ „	Sir John Berkstead	To receive Col. John White and keep him in safe custody in the Tower, till delivered by law.	—	109
March 1	Pass - -	For Rich. Norton and 2 servants to Holland - - - - - - -	—	109
„ 6	License - -	For Percy, Lord Powis, to remain in town on his petition and certificate - - -	478	—
„ „	„ - -	For Sir Gervase Clifton „ on account of his age and indisposition - -	478	—
„ 9	„ - -	For Sir Walter Vavasour „ the late Proclamation notwithstanding - -	481	—
„ „	„ - -	For Sir Jas. Thynne to remain at his house in Kew, on account of indisposition - -	481	—
„ „	„ - -	For Lord Abergavenny „ in town, the late Proclamation notwithstanding - -	488	—
„ „	„ - -	For —— Brathwaite „ „ „ - -	488	—
„ „	„ - -	For John Harvey „ „ „ - -	488	—

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1657–8.				
March 9	License - -	For Sir Edw. Witherington to remain in town, the late Proclamation notwithstanding -	488	—
„ „	„ - -	For Edw. Charlton „ „ „ - -	488	—
„ „	„ - -	For Rob. Thomas „ „ „ - -	488	—
„ „	„ - -	For Sir John Thimbleby „ „ „ - -	488	—
„ „	„ - -	For —— Argoll „ „ „ to dispatch business before the Treasury Commissioners.	488	—
„ „	Pass - -	For Robert and James Cecil, 2 sons of Lord Cranborne, with Alcide de St. Mawris, their Governor and 2 servants, to France.	491	110
„ 11	License - -	For —— Harding to transport a horse - - - - - - - -	493	—
„ „	„ - -	For Walter Strickland to remain in and about town, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	494	—
„ „	„ - -	For Fras. Mildmay „ „ „ „	494	—
„ „	„ - -	For John Denham to live in Bury, co. Suffolk „ „	494	—
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„ „	„ - -	For Col. Betteridge „ „ „ „	506	—
„ „	„ - -	For Sir Hen. Herbert, of Chelsea, to travel to York assizes and back, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	506	—
„ „	„ - -	For Sir Fras. Cobb, Huddleston, co. York, to go as witness to York assizes, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	506	—
„ 23	„ - -	For Ralph Myhot and 3 witnesses to go to York assizes and return, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	508	—
„ „	„ - -	For Thos. Hardress to go to Kent assizes and return, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	515	—
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„ „	„ - -	For Ralph Grey, son of Lord Grey, of Wark., and servant, to France - - -	527	—
„ „	License - -	For John Bull, of Canterbury, to go to Maidstone assizes and back, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	528	—
„ „	„ - -	For Sir Ant. Archer and Sir Chas. Sidley to go to Maidstone, to attend a case, referred by his Highness to Lamb. Godfrey and Mr. Duke, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	528	
„ 30	„ - -	For Sir John Aubrey to come from his house in Glamorganshire to London on private business, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	533	—
„ „	„ - -	For Wm. Petre to come from his house to London on private business, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	533	—
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„ „	„ - -	For Millo Armenio, a Persian physician, beyond seas - - - - -	541	115
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1658.				
Apr. 12	Pass - -	For John Hercy to France - - - - - - - - -	557	117
„ 13	„ -	For Sir John Holland and 2 servants beyond seas - - - - - -	557	117
„ „	License - -	For Mich. Warton and family to come to London or Westminster, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	556	—
„ 20	„ - -	For Hum. Waldron, Volcombe in Ottery, co. Devon, to come to London on private business.	563	—
„ 22	Pass - -	For John de la Fountaine, Rob. Clifton, and Mr. Colebrand, their tutor, to France - -	577	117
„ „	„ - -	For Mr. Jack to Flanders - - - - - - - - -	577	—
„ „	„ - -	For John Austin and servant to France - - - - - - - -	577	—
„ 27	License - -	For Francis, Lord Seymour, and his eldest son, to come to London, and remain a month for recovery of their health.	578	—
„ „	„ - -	For Walter Strickland to stay in England, giving the same security to a clerk of Council as Maj.-Gen. Lilburne.	578	—
„ „	Pass - -	For Col. Rich. Holdip, Chris. Sherman, and Thos. Martin Colombine of Cephalonia, and 2 servants to Holland.	580	117
„ „	„ - -	For George Williamson, lieutenant in the service of the States General, to the Low Countries.	580	118
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„ 29	„ - -	For Lord Somerdike „ „ to Holland - - - -	559	118
„ „	Pass - -	For John and Lodovick Howard to France, on request of Lord Rich. Cromwell - -	559–581	119
„ „	„ - -	For Hen. Sidney and Robert, Earl of Sunderland, and servants, beyond seas, on motion of Viscount Lisle.	577	120
„ „	License - -	For Sir Thos. Gower Bart. of Stetnam, co. York, to come up to London - - - -	581	—

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum. £ s. d.	References. I. 78.	I. 106.
1657.						
July 28	Gualter Frost - -	Martha Arundel -	For her support - - - -	10 0 0	—	43
„ 31	„ - -	Joshua French -	For his charges and trouble by the prosecution of Thomas and William Marley against him.	5 0 0	19	42
„ „	„ -	George Vaux, housekeeper at Whitehall.	For quarter of a year's salary, &c. - -	37 10 0	—	42
„ „	„ - -	Lady Rebecca Williams	„ „ rent for her house for ambassadors.	75 0 0	—	43
„ „	„ - -	Dr. Walter Walker, advocate.	For one year's salary to 30 June - -	100 0 0	—	43
Aug. 6	William Jessop, clerk of Council.	Maj.-Gen. Wm. Jephson.	Advance on account of service as his Highness's envoy to the King of Sweden.	396 19 0	—	44
„ 20	Gualter Frost - -	George Vaux, housekeeper at Whitehall.	A quarter's salary - - - -	37 10 0	—	48
„ „	„ - -	Wm. Williams -	„ „ for printing the bills of mortality.	2 10 0	—	47
„ 28	„ - -	Clement Kinnersley -	As steward for diet and entertainment of the ambassador extraordinary from the King of Portugal, on account.	300 0 0	104	44
„ 31	„ - -	Thos. Luddington -	For provisions sent into France for the forces under the command of Sir John Reynolds.	1,000 0 0	76	45
„ „	„ - -	Wm. Sheppard, serjeant-at-law.	For 1¼ years' salary - - - -	395 0 0	—	45
„ „	„ - -	Lieut.-Col. J. Roseworme.	For one quarter's salary as engineer-general -	45 10 0	—	46
„ „	„ - -	Mr. Clyne - -	Towards the charge of 2 stories to be designed by the tapestry workmen at Mortlake, according to an order of 26 May last.	20 0 0	79	46
„ „	„ - -	Symon Beale, and other trumpeters.	For services 2 days, at 20s. each, at his Highness's inauguration and proclamation, 19 being employed the first day and 30 the second day.	49 0 0	103	49
Sept. 15	„ - -	12 household servants at Whitehall.	For their quarter's salaries - - -	72 10 0	—	47

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum. £ s. d.	References. I. 78.	I. 106.
1657. Sept. 15	Gualter Frost	Trade Committee Officers.	For a year's salary, viz., Wm. Seaman, 100*l.*; 2 clerks, 100*l.*; usher, 40*l.*; 2 messengers, 40*l.*	280 0 0	—	48
„ 18	„	Hugh Peters	For a quarter's salary as preacher at Whitehall, due 17 June.	50 0 0	—	50
„ 29	„	Peter Sterry	For a quarter's salary as preacher at Whitehall	50 0 0	—	50
„ „	„	Hugh Peters	„ „ „ due 17 Sept.	50 0 0	—	52
„ „	„	Marchmond Needham	One half year's salary	50 0 0	—	59
Oct. 6	„	Nich. Lockier	For half a year's salary as preacher at Whitehall.	100 0 0	194	49
„ 11	„	Lady Williams	For a quarter's rent for her house in Palace Yard.	75 0 0	—	53
„ 27	„	Peter Sterry	For a quarter's salary as preacher in Whitehall	50 0 0	—	61
Nov. 20	„	George Vaux, housekeeper at Whitehall.	For one quarter's salary	37 10 0		50
„ „	„	Lieut.-Col. J. Roseworme.	„ „ as engineer-general	45 10 0	—	51
„ 21	„	Ambrose Randolph	For a half year's salary as keeper of the Paper Office, Whitehall.	80 0 0	—	59
„ 30	„	William Williams	One quarter's salary for printing the bills of mortality.	2 10 0	—	54
Dec. 10	„	Clement Kinnersley	For entertainment of the Portugal ambassador, &c.	64 12 8	—	51
„ „	„	„	For service as steward at the said entertainment.	30 0 0	—	51
„ „	„	John Mushee	For service as master cook at the said entertainment.	20 0 0	—	51
„ „	„	— Ashwell	For service as clerk of the kitchen at the said entertainment.	10 0 0	—	51
„ „	„	Lawrence Chislet	In respect of his present necessity	10 0 0	—	52
„ „	„	Sir Gilbert Pickering	For building some conveniences for his Highness and Council.	140 0 0	—	52
„ „	„	Lady Rebecca Williams	For one quarter's rent, &c.	75 0 0	—	53

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum. £ s. d.	References. I. 78.	I. 106.
1657. Dec. 10	Gualter Frost	Mr. Clyne	On further account for the 2 stories to be designed by the tapestry workmen at Mortlake.	20 0 0	—	53
„ „	„	12 household servants at Whitehall.	For their quarter's salaries	77 10 0	—	54
„ 24	„	Capt. Dan. Johnson, storekeeper at Mardike.	In advance for the service	20 0 0	—	55
„ „	„	Hugh Peters	For one quarter's salary, due 17 Dec., as preacher at Whitehall.	50 0 0	—	65
„ „	„	Serjeant Dendy	For charge of prisoners	345 2 0	—	58
„ „	„	7 messengers of Council.	For riding charges	85 18 4	—	58
„ „	„	10 Serjeants' deputies	„ „ and keeping of prisoners	649 13 3	—	58
„ „	„	Roger Jenyns	For charges at Dover, going with 5,000*l.* and paying the forces that went to France with Sir John Reynolds.	14 15 3	—	59
„ „	„	Rich. Nutt, bargemaster	For salary, &c.	18 8 0	—	59
„ „	„	Rich. Scutt, usher of Council chamber.	For firing, candles, &c., one year	301 17 0	—	59
„ „	„	Capt. John Owen, stationer.	For stationery, including 18*l.* to Mr. Thomazine for 6 vols. of Atlas.	215 19 2	—	59
1657–8. Jan. 8	„	Adam Saml. Hartman and Paulus Cyrillus.	Sent as messengers from the Protestants in Poland, for support.	50 0 0	393	55
„ 28	„	Clement Kinnersley	On account for furnishing the other House of Parliament and rooms adjacent.	200 0 0	—	56
„ 30	„	Lady Rebecca Williams	For one quarter's rent for her house in Palace Yard.	75 0 0	—	62
Feb. 25	„	Marchmond Needham	For half a year's salary	50 0 0	—	65
„ „	„	Peter Sterry	For a quarter's salary as preacher at Whitehall	50 0 0	—	65
„ „	„	George Vaux, housekeeper at Whitehall.	„ „	37 10 0	—	66
„ „	„	12 household servants at Whitehall.	„ „	77 10 0	—	66

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.	References.	
1657–8.				£ s. d.	I. 78.	I. 106.
Feb. 26	Gualter Frost - -	Wm. Williams -	For one quarter's salary for printing the weekly bills of mortality.	2 10 0	—	61
„ „	„ - -	Lieut.-Col. Roseworme	For one quarter's salary as engineer-general -	45 10 0	—	61
Mar. 9	„ - -	Edw. Backwell, goldsmith of London.	For 58 badges for his Highness's watermen, on 2 orders of Council.	347 6 5	490	64
„ „	„ - -	Sir Thos. Vyner and Edw. Blackwell.	For 3,427 oz. of white and chased plate for a present for Amb. Nieuport, 1,002*l.* 3*s.*; and for 2 gold chains for the envoy of the Prince Palatine of the Rhine, and the resident of the King of Portugal, 202*l.* 15*s.*	1,204 18 0	490	64
„ 11	„ - -	Thornef Franck -	For charges in mending the Council chamber chimney.	2 14 2	493	62
„ 18	„ - -	Rich. Clarke, late officer in the Tower Armoury.	For support, on representation of his condition -	20 0 0	508	61
„ 20	„ - -	Mr. Clyne - -	On further account of the charges, not to exceed 150*l.*, of the 2 stories to be designed by the tapestry workmen at Mortlake.	20 0 0	500	63
„ 31	„ - -	Saml. Richardson -	On bill of exchange, dated Memmes, 20 Jan., drawn by Richard Bradshaw, his Highness's ambassador to the Great Duke of Muscovy.	500 0 0		60
April 6	, - -	Serj. Edw. Dendy -	For disbursements about his lodgings in Whitehall, to be paid from Council's contingencies, instead of from the Treasury, as ordered 23 March last.	50 0 0	546	62
„ „	„ -	Navy Treasurer -	To be paid by him to Rob. Seaman, surgeon, towards 261*l.* for quarters and charges of the soldiers sent from Mardike to Harwich, on Council order of 23 March last.	100 0 0	548	63

ADDENDA.

1657.
Aug. 6. Petition of Nath. Brad, mariner, to the Protector. As John Southwood, merchant of London, has long troubled me with suits, never brought to trial, I appealed to you, and you referred me to Sir Thos. Pride, Sir Wm. Smith, and Ralph Gardner, to whom Southwood agreed to submit. They awarded him to pay me 336*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, which he now refuses to do. I beg that as Southwood stands in contempt of your award, you would order me the money, that I may return to your service at sea. Noted as laid aside. [1 *sheet. Vol. CLVI., No.* 14*a.*]

1657? Nath. Hodges to "your lordship" [Rich. Cromwell as Lord-chancellor of Oxford]. I beg your favour in a business of much concern to me, and no disadvantage to any, and it has a precedent. I have performed many exercises in the University by their command, and I hope with approval, and being now by their appointment to answer the Doctors at the Act, and resolved meantime to undergo all other exercises required for my degree, I beg to be admitted to my degree, as well as to the exercises. I do not want so much time as my juniors have obtained, and hitherto I have not entreated nor received any kindness from the University. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *pages. Vol. CLVIII., No.* 136.]

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